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ABSTRACT OF THE DAILY JOURNAL.

FIRST DAY.

EATON, OHIO, *Wednesday, Aug. 28, 1872.*

THE CINCINNATI ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH began its twenty-first session in St. Paul's Church, Eaton, Ohio, this morning at nine o'clock, Bishop I. W. Wiley presiding.

The Bishop opened the session by reading a part of the fifth and sixth chapter of second Corinthians, and announcing the 219th hymn, after the singing of which, Rev. William Herr led in prayer the devotions of the Conference. A part of the 292d hymn was then sung, and the sacrament of the Lord's-supper was administered to the ministers and laity present.

Bishop Wiley then repeated, in concert with the Conference, the Lord's Prayer, and made a brief and appropriate address.

The Secretary of the last session called the roll, and ninety-nine members responded to their names.

William H. Sutherland was re-elected Secretary, William B. Moler, George H. Dart, D. C. Vance, and R. E. Smith, Assistant Secretaries; Absalom M. Griffith, Statistical Secretary.

H. M. Keck was recognized as reporter for the *Times and Chronicle*, Thomas Lee, reporter for the *Commercial*, J. F. Loyd, reporter for the *Enquirer*, and Samuel Scott, for the *Dayton Journal*. Dr. Moody was appointed reporter *pro tem.* for the *Gazette*.

On motion, it was ordered that the Conference open with a prayer-meeting, to commence at eight o'clock, and continue three-quarters of

an hour, and that the Conference adjourn at a quarter before twelve o'clock.

The Rules of Order of last session were adopted.

The Secretary offered a new Journal—a present from Wilson, Hinkle & Co., of Cincinnati—which the Conference accepted, returning their thanks to the donors by a rising vote.

The holding of the anniversaries was referred to a special Committee on Public Worship. Dr. Briggs, Dr. Moody, J. W. Cassatt, William I. Fee, William Runyan, Dr. Weakley, H. C. Middleton, and J. T. Bail were appointed said Committee, and they were instructed to arrange for preaching and anniversaries.

Standing Committees as follows were appointed :

On Missions—The presiding elders.

On Education—R. S. Rust, L. H. Bugbee, G. C. Crum, J. Kendall, J. Stephenson, T. S. Cowden, J. M. Robinson, M. Dustin, J. F. Marlay, and G. Moody.

On Temperance—M. C. Briggs, W. A. Bobinson, S. B. Smith, G. C. Crum, C. Ferguson, William Fitzgerald, and N. M'Donald.

On Parsonages—R. K. Deem, W. B. Jackson, M. G. Baker, H. Stokes, J. G. Black, G. M. Edgar, and W. J. Quarry.

On Church Statistics—E. C. Smith, H. Miller, J. P. Shultz, F. M. Clemens, E. T. Wells, E. Burdsall, and R. E. Smith.

On Periodicals—N. C. Parrish, R. M. Hatfield, T. Collett, M. Dustin, S. A. Brewster, W. M. Boyer, and S. N. Marsh.

On Claims due Book Concern—W. Q. Shannon, F. Hypes, T. Collett, J. T. Bail, J. F. Conrey, G. M. Edgar, and J. H. Middleton.

On Post-offices—O. A. Brown, J. Wilson, E. P. James, C. T. Crum, C. F. Gowdy, D. L. Hayward, and W. J. Thurber.

On New York Accounts—R. K. Deem.

On American Bible Society—J. M. Walden, C. Kalbfus, J. P. Shultz, J. F. Marlay, H. M. Currey, G. W. Fee, E. F. Hill, and William Herr.

On Tract Cause—J. M'K. Shultz, J. S. Pumphrey, C. H. Lawton, M. Kauffman, D. Whitmer, J. Vane, and H. C. Middleton.

On Sunday-school Cause—G. T. Weaver, J. W. Dale, J. W. Peters, G. M. Flenner, M. G. Baker, Isaac Morris, J. Murray, A. Trader, L. Clark, W. N. Brodbeck, W. M. Boyer, W. H. Cole, F. G. Mitchell, and D. Cox.

On Freedmen's Aid Society—A. N. Spahr, G. J. Conner, R. Brandriff, A. W. Tibbits, J. F. Hull, T. D. W. Peak, and J. P. Porter.

On Finance—C. W. Ketcham, E. Sargent, R. R. Meredith, H. De Camp, S. B. Smith, J. L. Thirkield, J. Verity, A. J. Deaton, William I. Ellsworth, A. C. Deuel, M. P. Zink, W. H. Cole, J. S. Whitney, and James M'Math.

Conference Stewards—A. B. Wambaugh, J. C. Brooke, T. J. Harris, J. Cochower, W. N. Williams, C. F. Brooke, S. F. Conrey, A. J. Deaton, M. A. Richards, R. W. Shipley, W. Runyan, W. H. Cole, S. Weeks, and S. Dial.

On Printing Conference Minutes—Thomas Lee, S. B. Smith, and D. J. Starr.

On Church Extension—W. L. Hypes, G. Moody, William Young, F. M. Clemens, T. J. Euans, S. W. Edmiston, and J. Armstrong.

On Observance of the Sabbath—J. F. Loyd, E. M'Hugh, T. Collett, J. Pearson, G. W. Kelley, William Fitzgerald, and W. E. Hines.

Conference Postmaster—J. T. Bail.

On Memoirs—G. Moody, S. A. Brewster, W. Fitzgerald, M. Dustin, J. F. Hull, J. Murray, J. F. Marlay, A. Bowers, E. Burdsall, D. C. Vance, J. F. Wright, and W. I. Ellsworth.

Bishop Morris, Dr. Nast, Dr. Hatfield, Dr. Jordan, and Rev. R. L. Vickers were introduced.

Conference adjourned, with the benediction by J. C. Bontecou.

SECOND DAY.

THURSDAY MORNING, Aug. 29, 1872.

THE Conference was opened with the usual exercises of a prayer and experience meeting, conducted by Rev. William N. Williams.

At 8.45, Bishop Wiley took the chair, and the names of those absent yesterday were called. The Journal of yesterday was read and approved.

Prayer was offered by the Conference for brother Nichols, of Laurel Circuit, who is dangerously sick.

George H. Dart was excused as Recording Secretary, and D. J. Starr was elected to that office.

W. Herr moved that the Bible collections be put in our Minutes. Carried.

J. W. Peters was appointed to receive the money collected for the support of the Bishops.

George H. Dart was appointed to prepare a list of the Conference Committees.

Bishop Wiley announced that the Conference was authorized to draw on the Chartered Fund for \$35. The draft was ordered.

Bishop Wiley presented the certificate of transfer of James E. Gilbert.

The Third Question, "*Who remain on trial?*" was taken up.

Wesley Rector, Lucien M. Davis, James E. Gilbert, Charles J. Wells, Lafayette Young, Daniel L. Hayward, and Charles H. Kalbfus, were continued on trial.

Bishop Merrill was introduced to the Conference.

The Sixth Question, "*Who are the Deacons?*" was taken up.

Oliver A. Brown, T. De Witt Peak, Seron N. Marsh, William A. Robinson, and James E. Gilbert are deacons of the second class.

William A. Robinson having been a traveling deacon for three years, was elected to elder's orders.

The Seventh Question was taken up, "*Who are elected and ordained Elders?*"

Harrison Wren withdrew from the traveling connection, and his parchments were returned to the Conference.

Nathan Prince, J. Raper Hunter, and Seron N. Marsh were elected to elder's orders.

A. E. Higgins was continued in a supernumerary relation.

L. F. Van Cleve presented the case and credentials of Rev. R. L. Vickers, late a missionary and elder in the Wesleyan Church of England, and he was received as a member of the Conference.

Dr. Miller and Rev. N. Gillam, of the North Indiana Conference, Rev. E. J. Hammill, of the Missouri Conference, and Rev. R. Black, of the Holston Conference, were introduced.

Bishop Merrill took the chair.

A call was made for the payment of the annual membership fee of the members of the Preachers' Relief Society.

Bishop Wiley resumed the chair.

T. S. Cowden was appointed to receive the moneys for Hillsboro Female College and the Educational Fund.

The case of Rev. J. A. Reeder was referred to the Conference Stewards.

D. J. Starr was excused from serving as Recording Secretary.

Conference adjourned, and Bishop Merrill pronounced the benediction.

THIRD DAY.

FRIDAY MORNING, Aug. 30, 1872.

CONFERENCE was opened with the usual religious exercises, conducted by Rev. A. W. Tibbits.

Journal read and approved.

A. M. Griffith was elected Recording and F. G. Mitchell Statistical Secretary.

J. W. Keely was announced as transferred to the South-eastern Indiana Conference.

The Bishop presented a paper in relation to the camp-meeting grounds at Urbana, which was referred to the following Committee: W. Q. Shan-

non, W. F. Thorne, T. Collett, W. I. Fee, J. Verity, M. P. Zink, and H. C. Middleton.

A paper from the Book Agents, in relation to the support of Bishops, was presented and referred to the presiding elders.

Rev. Bro. Lanthern, a fraternal delegate from the Miami Conference of the United Brethren in Christ, was presented by Bishop Wiley, and he addressed the Conference in an appropriate and impressive manner. M. P. Gaddis, the fraternal delegate to the Miami Conference of the United Brethren in Christ, made a report of his visit.

C. H. Lawton, a fraternal delegate to a Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, also made a report.

The Fourth Question, "*Who are received into full connection?*" was taken up.

David D. Cheney, W. M. Boyer, John Wilson, James S. Whitney, and Edmund Burdsall were admitted into full connection, and elected to deacon's orders.

Henry Miller was admitted into full connection, and, having been a traveling deacon for two years, was elected to elder's orders.

Elisha C. Smith was admitted into full connection, having been previously ordained as elder.

Alonzo Hixson was discontinued.

A collection was taken in behalf of the East Tennessee University, amounting to \$51.76.

Dr. J. F. Wright and J. F. Marlay presented the following resolution:

"That we respectfully and earnestly request the presiding Bishop to reduce the number of districts to four, at our present session, and that the whole of the city of Cincinnati be included in one of them."

A. W. Tibbits moved, as a substitute, to include the two Cincinnati Districts in one, and to allow the remaining districts of the Conference to remain as they now are.

The whole subject was finally laid on the table.

The Stewards made their preliminary report.

Rev. I. S. Diehl, formerly of the California Conference, and Dr. Howard, of the Ohio Conference, were introduced.

The Doxology was sung, and the benediction was pronounced by Rev. William Simmons.

FOURTH DAY.

SATURDAY MORNING, Aug. 31, 1872.

CONFERENCE was opened, at eight o'clock, with a prayer and experience meeting, conducted by C. Ferguson.

Bishop Wiley took the chair. Journal read and approved.

Rev. C. C. M'Cabe, Agent of the Church Extension Society, was introduced to the Conference.

Dr. Reid, Corresponding Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference in relation to the publication of the Detailed Missionary Report in the Conference Minutes, after which it was voted that the Detailed Report be not published.

By vote, the various Conference societies were required to pay for the cost of publishing their reports in the Minutes.

The Nineteenth Question, "*Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*" was taken up.

Edward Cox and D. A. M'Colm were elected local deacons.

Abram C. Deuel, James A. Castle, William Mahon, and James M'Math were elected local elders.

The Ninth Question, "*Who are the Superannuated or Worn-out Preachers?*" was taken up.

The characters of John C. Maddy, John W. Stone, Benjamin Glasscock, W. N. Maxey, D. Callahan, Elijah H. Field, P. A. Ogden, Joshua Boucher, T. A. G. Phillips, William Routledge, S. Brown, and A. U. Beall were passed, and their relation was continued.

D. Kemper, A. Murphy, R. Brandriff, N. Callender, and James Armstrong addressed the Conference, and their characters were passed and their relation continued.

The characters of J. M'D. Mathews and William E. Hines were passed, and they were made effective.

The relation of John Barton was continued.

William I. Ellsworth's character was passed, and his relation changed to supernumerary, with appointment.

The Committee of Examination in the case of James E. Gilbert reported favorably.

Dr. J. M. Reid, Secretary of the Missionary Society, addressed the Conference in relation to the great missionary work of our Church.

On motion, the members of the Conference were requested to prepare

a general statement of the dates of their lives, ministry, and appointments, to facilitate the preparation of memoirs in case of death.

The Conference Stewards presented their revised report.

Dr. E. Wentworth, editor of the *Ladies' Repository*, Rev. E. F. Hasty, of the North Indiana Conference, and Dr. Merrick, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University, were introduced.

Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. Merrick.

FIFTH DAY.

MONDAY MORNING, Sept. 2, 1872.

CONFERENCE was opened with the usual exercises of a prayer and experience meeting, conducted by Rev. M. P. Gaddis.

At a quarter to nine o'clock, Bishop Wiley took the chair. Journal read and approved.

The Eighth Question, "Who are the *Supernumerary Preachers?*" was taken up.

David D. Cheney was granted a supernumerary relation, without appointment.

The characters of E. F. Hill, J. F. Conrey, and S. L. Yourtee were passed, and they were made effective.

The characters of James T. Manning, D. H. Sargent, M. J. Cramer, A. E. Higgins, M. G. Purkhiser, J. S. Peregrine, and M. P. Gaddis were passed, and their relation was continued.

John Seys was reported as deceased.

The characters of J. C. Bontecou and Wesley Webster were passed, and their relation was changed to superannuated.

All the papers in the case of M. J. Cramer were placed on file.

The Tenth Question, "Examination of *Effective Elders?*" was taken up.

J. F. Chalfant, Presiding Elder of the East Cincinnati District, represented his work, and his character and the characters of the following brethren were approved: A. N. Spahr, M. C. Briggs, C. W. Ketcham, A. Hamilton, George H. Dart, G. T. Weaver, William L. Hypes, J. F. Loyd, O. A. Brown, A. B. Wambaugh, D. C. Vance, R. A. Arthur, R. K. Deem, J. L. Gregg, W. Q. Shannon, N. C. Parrish, J. M'K. Shultz, J. F. Wright, J. M. Walden, Thomas Lee, and R. S. Rust.

On motion, brother J. L. Gregg was allowed to retain certain documents in his case for a longer time.

The character of David Warnock was passed, and his relation was

changed, at his own request, from effective to supernumerary, with appointment.

Rev. L. F. Van Cleve, Presiding Elder of the West Cincinnati District, represented his work, and his character and the characters of the following brethren were approved: R. M. Hatfield, William A. Robinson, R. R. Meredith, G. Moody, E. M'Hugh, J. W. Peters, William B. Moler, W. B. Jackson, C. Kalbfus, D. J. Starr, T. J. Harris, G. J. Conner, J. S. Pumphrey, F. Hypes, and L. H. Bugbee.

Rev. J. W. Weakley, Presiding Elder of the Dayton District, represented his work, and his character and the characters of the following brethren were approved: J. F. M'Clelland, Thomas Collett, A. Bowers, G. H. Kennedy, G. C. Crum, A. D. Raleigh, S. W. Carey, J. P. Shultz, William Young, S. B. Smith, C. H. Lawton, J. B. Ellsworth, W. N. Williams, E. P. James, J. W. Cassatt, M. G. Baker, William Herr, and George Parrott.

Rev. S. Bennett, Presiding Elder of the Springfield District, represented his work, and his character and the characters of the following brethren were approved: S. A. Brewster, Lucien Clark, J. Stephenson, C. Ferguson, W. I. Fee, M. A. Richards, E. T. Wells, T. J. Euans, J. C. Deem, C. F. Gowdy, J. G. Black, J. J. Hill, C. T. Frame, T. E. Fiddler, H. M. Currey, G. W. Kelley, J. F. Hull, D. Whitmer, and L. D. M'Cabe.

G. Moody moved that this Conference express their appreciation of the efforts of the ladies of Green-street Church, Piqua, in liquidating the debt on that Church. Carried.

Dr. F. S. Hoyt, editor *Western Christian Advocate*, Rev. Chadwick, of the Kentucky Conference, and brother Shinkle, a layman of Kentucky, were introduced to the Conference.

A collection was taken up in behalf of the sexton, amounting to \$32.07.

James Armstrong was granted leave of absence.

A. Lowrey, Presiding Elder of Xenia District, represented his work, and his character passed.

William H. Sutherland, on account of severe family affliction, was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session, and D. J. Starr was appointed in his place as Secretary.

J. Wilson, W. T. M'Mullen, and J. P. Shultz were also excused.

The hymn commencing "Rock of Ages, cleft for me," was sung, and Dr. J. F. Wright led the Conference in prayer in behalf of our afflicted sister Sutherland.

Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Dr. F. S. Hoyt.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

MONDAY AFTERNOON, *Sept. 2, 1872.*

PURSUANT to adjournment Conference met at half-past two o'clock, and was opened with religious services by Rev. G. T. Weaver, who read the forty-sixth Psalm, announced the 228th hymn, and led the devotions of the Conference in prayer.

Rev. William Young, by appointment of Bishop Wiley, occupied the chair.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

W. A. Robinson read the report of the Committee on Temperance. The first resolution was discussed, amended, and adopted.

The second, third, fourth, and fifth resolutions were each read and adopted.

The report, as a whole, was adopted.

The report on Camp-meetings was then read by Dr. Briggs. Dr. Walden moved the adoption of the report, and that the committee for which it provides be appointed. Carried.

Dr. Wright, J. F. Loyd, Dr. Briggs, and A. Meharry were appointed to nominate members of the committee.

Dr. Walden moved that the papers submitted be referred to the committee to be appointed. Carried.

Dr. Bugbee presented and read the report of the Committee on Education, which was adopted item by item.

Leave of absence was granted to J. S. Whitney.

The report of the Committee on the Tract Cause was adopted.

On motion, the Conference adjourned, with the benediction by Rev. A. B. Wambaugh.

SIXTH DAY.

TUESDAY MORNING, *Sept. 3, 1872.*

CONFERENCE was opened with a prayer-meeting, conducted by Rev. J. F. Forbus.

At a quarter before nine o'clock, Bishop Wiley took the chair, and the Minutes of the second session of yesterday were read and approved.

The Tenth Question was taken up, and Dr. Lowrey having yesterday represented the Xenia District, the names of the preachers of his district were called, and the characters of the following brethren were passed:

J. F. Marlay, M. Dustin, H. Stokes, William H. Lawder, William P. Jackson, James Murray, J. T. Bail, S. F. Conrey, J. Kendall, F. M. Clemens, J. Pearson, J. Verity, A. W. Tibbits, M. Kauffman, A. M. Griffith, J. W. Mason, C. T. Crum, William Simmons, and J. L. Grover.

William H. Lawder was granted a supernumerary relation, with appointment.

Leave of absence was granted John Murray and John M. Walden.

S. D. Clayton, Presiding Elder, represented the Hillsboro District, and his character, and the characters of the following brethren were passed: T. S. Cowden, William Fitzgerald, William Runyan, M. P. Zink, S. W. Edmiston, G. M. Edgar, G. W. Fee, J. Vance, and D. Copeland.

A. Meharry, Presiding Elder, represented the Ripley District, after which his character, and the characters of the following brethren were passed: W. H. Sutherland, S. Weeks, H. C. Middleton, W. J. Quarry, J. P. Porter, J. H. Middleton, J. M. Robinson, W. T. M'Mullen, H. M. Keck, F. G. Mitchell, N. M'Donald, R. E. Smith, and W. J. Thurber.

The Twenty-third Question, "*When and where shall our next Conference be held?*" was taken up.

Xenia, Lebanon, Middletown, Oxford, Springfield, and Wilmington were put in nomination, and respectively represented; after which the vote was taken, and Springfield was agreed upon, and the choice was made unanimous.

Dr. Wright announced the report nominating members of the Camp-meeting Committee, and they were elected.

A resolution was adopted that the estimates of the preachers be made for thirteen months instead of twelve, in view of the postponement of the time of the next Conference.

W. Herr, W. I. Fee, and S. F. Conrey were appointed to nominate seven members as the Committee on Appeals.

The Committee on the Legal Relations of the Xenia College to the Cincinnati Conference presented their report. The report was adopted, and A. B. Wambaugh, A. Lowrey, and M. Dustin were appointed the Committee for which it provides. J. C. Bontecou was appointed a fraternal delegate to the Miami Conference of the United Brethren Church.

A resolution asking the appointment of Rev. A. B. Wambaugh as Agent of the Preachers' Relief Society, was adopted.

The report of the Freedmen's Aid Society, after some appropriate remarks by Bishop Wiley, was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Parsonages was adopted, and its publication in the *Western Christian Advocate* was requested.

The report of the Treasurer of collections received for the support of the Bishops was presented.

The report of the Treasurer of the Sunday-school Union was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Finance was adopted.

The report of the Committee on the Bible Cause was adopted.

S. Weeks presented the final report of the Stewards, and distribution of the amounts was made to claimants. (See Stewards' Report.)

M. Dustin nominated A. Meharry, J. F. Chalfant, L. F. Van Cleve, S. D. Clayton, John T. Wilson, James Kendall, T. S. Cowden, and C. Ferguson as trustees of the Hillsboro Female College. They were elected.

M. Dustin read the report of the Committee on Periodicals. Dr. F. S. Hoyt, editor of the *Western Christian Advocate*, addressed the Conference, after which the report was adopted.

A resolution explaining the action of the Conference, in laying on the table the resolution on district enlargement, was adopted.

On motion, Conference adjourned, with the benediction by W. I. Ellsworth.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, Sept. 3, 1872.

AT three o'clock, the afternoon session was opened with religious services, conducted by Rev. A. Murphy.

The Minutes of the morning session were read and approved.

The Conference recommended the appointment of Thomas Lee to the Cincinnati Union Bethel.

The Committee on the Trial of Appeals was appointed.

The report of the Committee on the Proposition of the Trustees of the Urbana Camp-ground was adopted.

The report of the Committee on Sunday-schools was adopted.

The officers of the Sunday-school Union were elected.

A resolution from the Committee respecting the collection of the accounts of the Book Concern was adopted.

C. T. Frame was granted a location at his own request.

On the call for recommendations for the traveling connection, the

presiding elders were requested to present the recommendations of only such as they have places for.

J. F. Chalfant presented the recommendation of Joseph C. Acomb, and he was admitted.

L. F. Van Cleve presented the recommendations of John W. Sutherland and John N. Irvin, and they were received.

J. W. Weakley presented the recommendation of John T. Short, and he was received.

S. Bennett presented the recommendation of William N. Brodbeck, who was received.

S. D. Clayton presented the recommendation of William Mahan for readmission, and with it his certificate of location from the Iowa Conference. He was readmitted.

S. D. Clayton also presented the recommendations of John C. Ambrose, Joseph C. Boltin, and William Henry Smith, all of whom were received.

A. Meharry presented the recommendations of Daniel Lee Aultman and David V. Ross, who were received.

Dr. J. F. Wright presented a report relating to the administration of the trustees on the bequest of John Mears.

The report was adopted, and, together with the record of the proceedings of the trustees, was ordered to be filed with the Secretary. The administration of Dr. Wright, W. Young, and A. Meharry, as trustees, was approved. The report was ordered to be published in the Conference Minutes.

L. F. Van Cleve presented the report of the Committee on Missions, approved by the presiding Bishop.

W. Herr presented the report of the Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference, including the report of A. Meharry, Treasurer. The report was adopted.

On motion of M. A. Richards, the trustees of Grace Church, Piqua, were allowed to sell their former Church property, and apply the proceeds to their new property. The privilege was granted the trustees of Batavia Circuit to sell Brick Chapel and Clermont Chapel, the proceeds to be applied to their new churches. Also to the trustees of Moscow Circuit, to sell some land, and apply the proceeds to Calvary Church.

The trustees of Decatur Circuit were also authorized to sell their property at Clayton, and apply the proceeds to Church purposes.

C. H. Lawton presented the correspondence of Rev. Robert A. Johnson, fraternal delegate from the Ohio Conference of the African Meth-

odist Episcopal Church. It was read to the Conference, and a resolution relating to the matter was adopted.

The report of the Conference Tract Society was adopted.

Bishop Wiley presented a certificate of the ordinations of last Sabbath. The report of the Church Extension Society was adopted.

The Church Extension Board of last year was reappointed.

Dr. Wright presented his report as Conference Evangelist, showing a good year's work, and urging the Church on to the attainment of holiness.

A resolution respecting the funds to pay for the publication of society reports was adopted.

Resolutions of respect to Bishop Wiley, and of gratitude for the entertainment of the Conference, and for the courtesies extended by the sister Churches of Eaton, were adopted by a rising vote.

A resolution of thanks to the railroads for favors in transportation was adopted.

Bishop Wiley announced the Committees of Examination for next year. On motion, Conference adjourned to meet at seven o'clock this evening. After singing the Doxology, the benediction was pronounced by L. F. Van Cleve.

EVENING SESSION.

TUESDAY EVENING, Sept. 3, 1872.

CONFERENCE met, pursuant to adjournment, at seven o'clock, and was opened with prayer by Rev. Dr. Merrick, President of the Ohio Wesleyan University.

Bishop Wiley occupied the chair, and the Minutes of the afternoon session were read and approved.

A collection was taken in behalf of Mrs. Dyche, the widow of a deceased member of the old Ohio Conference, amounting to \$33.25.

Following the collection, the Conference joined in singing,

"Nearer, my God, to thee,"

as introductory to the memorial service.

The Fifteenth Question, "*Who have died this year?*" was taken up, and Dr. Moody, the Chairman, presented the report of the Committee on Memoirs.

The memoir of the Honorable and Rev. John Seys, D. D., was read before the Conference by S. A. Brewster.

The memoir of Rev. John Shinn was presented and read by M. Dustin. The memoir of Mrs. Lucy Pumphrey was read by William Fitzgerald.

The memoir of Rev. Isaac Neff was read by E. Burdsall.

The memoir of Mrs. Catherine Lawder was read by J. F. Marlay.

The memoir of Rev. Levi P. Miller was read by G. Moody.

Following the reading, Conference joined in singing an appropriate hymn.

Rev. A. Lowrey, Rev. S. D. Clayton, Dr. J. F. Wright, J. C. Bontecou, W. Fitzgerald, M. P. Gaddis, and W. Herr indulged in friendly and Christian remarks, after which the report was adopted.

The Minutes having been read and approved, and the Conference having finished its business, it adjourned by vote.

Bishop Wiley then addressed to the Conference a few well-timed words, and announced the 221st hymn, which was sung by the large and interested congregation. The Bishop then read a selection from the Scriptures, and announced the Appointments of the preachers. (See Appointments.)

DISCIPLINARY QUESTIONS.

QUESTION 1. *Have any entered this Conference by transfer or readmission?*

ANSWER. Jas. E. Gilbert, by transfer; J. A. Reeder and Wm. Mahan, by readmission.

QUESTION 2. *Who are admitted on trial?*

ANSWER. Joseph C. Acomb, John W. Sutherland, John N. Irvin, John T. Short, Wm. N. Brodbeck, John C. Ambrose, Joseph C. Boltin, Wm. H. Smith, Daniel Lee Aultman, and David V. Ross.

QUESTION 3. *Who remain on trial?*

ANSWER. Wesley Rector, Lucien M. Davis, Jas. E. Gilbert, Chas. J. Wells, Lafayette Young, Daniel L. Hayward, and Chas. H. Kalbfus.

QUESTION 4. *Who are admitted into full connection?*

ANSWER. D. D. Cheney, W. M. Boyer, John Wilson, Jas. S. Whitney, Edmund Burdsall, and Henry Miller.

QUESTION 5. *Who are the Deacons of the first class?*

ANSWER. D. D. Cheney, W. M. Boyer, John Wilson, Jas. F. Whitney, Edward Burdsall.

QUESTION 6. *Who are the Deacons of the second class?*

ANSWER. O. A. Brown, T. D. W. Peak, A. E. Higgins, and Jas. E. Gilbert.

QUESTION 7. *Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?*

ANSWER. W. A. Robinson, N. Prince, J. R. Hunter, S. N. Marsh, and Henry Miller.

QUESTION 8. *Who are the Supernumerary Preachers?*

ANSWER. W. H. Lawder, D. D. Cheney, A. E. Higgins, J. T. Manning, D. H. Sargent, M. J. Cramer, M. G. Purkhiser, J. S. Peregrine, M. P. Gaddis, and D. Warnock.

QUESTION 9. *Who are the Superannuated Preachers?*

ANSWER. J. C. Maddy, J. W. Stone, B. Glasscock, W. N. Maxey, D. Callahan, E. H. Field, P. A. Ogden, Joshua Boucher, T. A. G. Phillips, Wm. Routledge, S. Brown, A. U. Beall, D. Kemper, A. Murphy, R. Brandriff, N. Callender, J. Armstrong, J. Barton, J. C. Bontecou, Wesley Webster, and Jos. A. Reeder.

QUESTION 10. *Was the character of each Preacher examined?*

ANSWER. It was.

QUESTION 11. *Have any located?*

ANSWER. Yes; C. T. Frame, at his own request.

QUESTION 12. *Have any withdrawn?*

ANSWER. Yes; Harrison Wren and C. F. Thomas.

QUESTION 13. *Have any been transferred?*

ANSWER. Yes; M. C. Briggs and J. F. M'Clelland, to the Rock-river Conference.

QUESTION 14. *Have any been expelled?*

ANSWER. None.

QUESTION 15. *Have any died?*

ANSWER. Yes; John Seys, L. P. Miller, I. Neff, and John Shinn.

QUESTION 16. *What is the statistical report?*

ANSWER. (See Report.)

QUESTION 17. *What are the claims upon the Conference funds?*

ANSWER. \$14,466.91.

QUESTION 18. *What has been received on the foregoing claims, and how has it been applied?*

ANSWER. \$5,996.02. (See Stewards' Report.)

QUESTION 19. *Have any Local Preachers been ordained?*

ANSWER. Edward Cox and D. M'Colm were ordained Deacons, and A. C. Deuel, Jas. A. Castle, Wm. Mahon, and James M'Math were ordained Elders, by Bishop Wiley.

QUESTION 20. *Are any literary or theological institutions under the control and patronage of this Conference, and what is their condition?*

ANSWER. Yes. (See Report on Educational Institutions.)

QUESTION 21. *Where are the Preachers stationed?*

ANSWER. (See List of Appointments.)

QUESTION 22. *Where and when shall the next Conference be held?*

ANSWER. At Springfield, Ohio. Last week in September voted as the time, subject to appointment of the Bishops.

RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

Triers of Appeals.

Resolved, That A. B. Wambaugh, S. B. Smith, J. W. Cassatt, R. K. Deem, Thos. Collett, M. Kauffman, and J. G. Black be appointed to try appeals.

W. HERR,

W. I. FEE,

S. F. CONREY,

Nominating Committee.

Request to Newspapers.

Resolved, That we respectfully, through our reporters, request the *Cincinnati Commercial* and the *Cincinnati Enquirer* not to publish our proceedings in their Sunday issues.

J. F. CHALFANT,
R. M. HATFIELD,

A. LOWREY,
W. H. SUTHERLAND.

Record of Benevolent Collections.

Resolved, That we respectfully request the several charges of this Conference to procure a well-bound book, and record therein, from time to time, a detail of the various Conference collections as they are taken in the charge.

JNO. PEARSON, J. F. LOYD,
THOS. LEE, L. CLARK.

Xenia College.

Resolved, 1. That a committee of three be appointed to confer with the Board of Trustees of Xenia College, at as early a day as possible, with regard to the present indebtedness of said College, and for the purpose of providing for the payment of the same.

2. That said committee be vested with full power to act in the premises, yet not so as to involve this Conference in any pecuniary liability.

3. That whereas, we secured and paid to the trustees of said College about \$9,000—that being \$3,000 more than the amount originally asked for by them—we respectfully insist that our right of property in said College be increased in proportion to that excess, by regular assignment of stock therefor, and also for the sum to be raised upon the present principal debt; and that our entire stock therein be put in possession of the Secretary of the Conference.

Change of Time.

Resolved, That we respectfully ask the Board of Bishops to put the time of holding this Conference in the last week of September, if their work will possibly admit of it.

A. W. TIBBITS,
E. F. HILL.

Estimates of Salaries.

Resolved, That should the Bishops fix the time of our next session as requested, we hereby request all our Estimating Committees to add one month to their usual estimates, and that our presiding elders call their attention to the matter.

JAS. F. CHALFANT,
J. F. LOYD.

Members Residing Abroad.

Resolved, That the Secretary be instructed to notify our brethren, the members of this Conference who live beyond our bounds, that we desire and expect to hear from them at each of our sessions, as provided for in the Discipline.

J. M. WALDEN,
JAS. F. CHALFANT.

Explanatory.

Resolved, That the vote by which the Cincinnati Conference laid on the table the resolution requesting the presiding Bishop at the present session to enlarge the districts, was not intended to embarrass the Bishop in the arrangement of the districts according to his godly judgment.

J. F. CONREY,
L. CLARK.

Appointment of Preachers.

Resolved, That the Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. A. B. Wambaugh, agent of the Preachers' Relief Society, Cincinnati Conference, and Rev. Thos. Lee to the Cincinnati Union Bethel.

W. HERR,
J. F. CHALFANT.

Fraternal Correspondence.

Resolved, That the Secretary of our Conference, in reply to the letter received from Rev. R. A. Johnson, be instructed to convey by letter our

fraternal greetings to the President and members of the Ohio Conference of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, at its session to be held next April, in Zanesville, Ohio.

C. H. LAWTON.

Society Treasurers.

Resolved, That the treasurers of the various Conference societies be authorized to retain sufficient funds to pay for publication of their reports in the Minutes.

S. B. SMITH.

Conference Stewards' Resolutions.

1. *Resolved*, That a sum equivalent to ten per cent of the salaries paid in each presiding elder's district shall be the amount expected from the same; and the District Stewards are hereby requested to distribute the same to the respective charges, according to the ability of each.

2. *Resolved*, That we hereby pledge ourselves to present this claim to our people as early in the year as practicable, giving it that prominence its merits demand.

3. *Resolved*, That in the passage of character, each pastor shall be requested to report the amount of his collection.

4. *Resolved*, That any pastor who may neglect to present this claim to his charge, or shall lightly excuse himself therefrom, will thereby expose himself to just censure.

5. *Resolved*, That Estimating Committees, in complying with the Discipline, request claimants to furnish to the Estimating Committee appointed by the quarterly conference, and to the Board of Stewards of the Annual Conference, a full statement, in writing, annually, on the first day of Conference, of their financial condition, and that no claim be considered without such financial statement.

S. WEEKS, *Secretary.*

J. C. BROOKE, *Chairman.*

Book Concern Accounts.

Whereas, we learn by the exhibit of the Western Book Concern that the amount of outstanding debts due it is about a quarter of a million of dollars, and a large proportion of this is due from preachers for periodicals and books; and,

Whereas, this is a larger debt than any business house can safely carry; therefore,

Resolved, That it is the sense of this Conference that the preachers should collect all accounts promptly, and at once forward to the Concern, not allowing any account to run beyond Conference, and thereby come to a cash basis as soon as possible.

T. COLLETT,
JAS. T. BAIL.

Rev. Joseph A. Reeder.

Whereas, Joseph A. Reeder became an itinerant minister in our Church in 1829, and retained that relation until 1847; when, although enfeebled and a superannuated member, he voluntarily retired to the local ranks; and now, together with his aged wife, is in necessitous circumstances, both being in old age and near the grave; therefore,

Resolved, That the Rev. Joseph A. Reeder, a local elder, be readmitted as a member of this Conference, in a superannuated relation, and put upon the list of Conference claimants.

CONFERENCE STEWARDS.

COMPLIMENTARY RESOLUTIONS.**Of Respect to Bishop Wiley.**

Resolved, That we highly appreciate the ability with which our beloved Bishop Wiley has presided over this, his first annual conference; that we congratulate the Church upon his elevation to the episcopal office; and that we shall always be gratified to welcome him among us.

J. F. MARLAY,	L. H. BUGBEE,
D. J. STARR,	J. KENDALL,
JAS. F. CHALFANT,	J. W. WEAKLEY.

Transfer of Dr. Briggs and Rev. J. F. M'Clelland.

Resolved, That, as a Conference, we highly appreciate the efficient services of Rev. M. C. Briggs, D. D., and of Rev. J. F. M'Clelland, since they came amongst us; and that we now learn of their transfer to the Rock-river Conference with sincere regret. Should the providence of God ever call them back to our Conference fellowship, we assure them of a hearty welcome.

J. F. MARLAY,
G. MOODY.

Of Thanks to Railroads.

Resolved, That the thanks of the Conference be returned to the several railroad companies that have extended favors to the ministers, members, and visitors attending the Conference sessions.

J. F. CHALFANT,
L. F. VAN CLEVE.

Of Thanks to Citizens and Churches of Eaton.

1. *Resolved*, That the cordial thanks of this Conference, and of the "Itinerant Woman's Union," together with the visitors to the Conference, be tendered the citizens of Eaton for their generous hospitality; and while we shall ever cherish a grateful remembrance of their kindness, hoping in due time to share again, as a Conference, their hospitable homes, our prayers shall carry them to the Throne of heavenly grace, for God's richest benediction to rest upon them, with the ultimate hope that we shall all meet in our Father's house above.

2. *Resolved*, That the thanks of Conference be, and they are hereby, extended to the officers of the various Churches in Eaton for the use of their pulpits.

W. HERR,	S. D. CLAYTON,
E. T. WELLS,	J. F. MARLAY,
A. MEHARRY,	M. KAUFFMAN,
J. W. WEAKLEY,	J. T. BAIL.
JOHN COCHNOWER,	

REPORTS.

STEWARDS' REPORT.

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			Fifth Collect'n
		Estim'tes	Receipts.	Deficta.	
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.	J. F. Chalfant, P. E...	\$1,200 00	\$1,177 77	\$22 23	\$500
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel.	A. N. Spahr.....	1,600 00	1,600 00	.....	Par. \$132 81
Trinity.....	M. C. Briggs.....	3,500 00	3,500 00	.....	Par. 110 90
Asbury.....	C. W. Ketcham.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	400 63 00
Pearl-street.....	A. Hamilton.....	1,060 00	1,060 00	.....	..... 38 00
M'Kendree.....	G. H. Dart.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	200 80 00
Mt. Auburn.....	G. T. Weaver.....	1,234 00	1,234 00	.....	..... 32 00
Walnut Hills.....	W. L. Hypes.....	2,000 00	2,000 00	.....	500 182 00
L. H. M., Mears Chapel.....	J. F. Loyd.....	1,100 00	1,100 00	.....	400 18 75
High St. & Pend.	A. Jemison.....	1,250 00	1,250 00	.....	240 16 00
Grace Church.....	O. A. Brown.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	..... 90 00
Mt. Washington.....	A. B. Wambaugh.....	1,040 00	1,040 00	.....	..... 28 50
Madisonville.....	D. C. Vance.....	800 00	800 00	.....	..... 80 00
Newtown.....	R. A. Arthur.....	951 50	436 77	514 73	249 16 10
".....	L. M. Davis.....	500 00	286 10	213 90	.....
Milford.....	D. Warnock.....	1,000 00	800 00	200 00	Par. 46 00
Loveland and Maineville.....	R. K. Deem.....	800 00	800 00	.....	..... 56 00
Butlerville.....	E. C. Smith.....	800 00	800 00	.....	100 41 00
Centenary.....	J. L. Gregg.....	.....	.....	.....	34 36
Goshen.....	W. Q. Shaunon.....	850 00	850 00	.....	Par. 24 20
Miami.....	H. S. Hagerman.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par. 13 85
Morrow.....	N. C. Parrish.....	750 00	750 00	.....	132 18 00
Sharon and West Chester.....	J. M'K. Shultz.....	850 00	615 00	235 00	Par. 8 00
Total.....	.....	\$25,685 50	\$24,499 64	\$1,185 86	\$2,751 \$1,129 47
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.	L. F. Van Cleve, P. E.	\$1,340 00	\$1,252 90	\$87 10	\$360
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	R. M. Hatfield.....	4,000 00	4,000 00	.....	Par. \$332 22
Christie.....	W. A. Robinson.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	400 130 20
St. John.....	R. R. Meredith.....	2,500 00	2,500 00	.....	Par. 171 35
Finley.....	H. Miller.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
York-street.....	G. Moody.....	1,140 00	1,140 00	.....	360 30 25
M'Lean Church.....	E. M'Hugh.....	1,350 00	1,350 00	.....	300 25 00
Fairmount.....	H. Wren.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Cumminsville.....	J. Wilson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Grove.....	J. W. Peters.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	50 75
Lockland.....	W. B. Moler.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par. 74 25
Port Union.....	W. B. Jackson.....	700 00	700 00	.....	100 35 10
Bethany.....	C. Kalbfus.....	.....	.....	.....	15 06
Hamilton.....	D. J. Starr.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par. 77 50
Oxford.....	T. J. Harris.....	1,050 00	1,050 00	.....	Par. 64 82
Venice.....	G. J. Couner.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par. 25 00
" supply.....	L. C. Grennan.....	200 00	200 00	.....	.....
Harrison.....	J. S. Pumphrey.....	700 00	700 00	40	25 00
North Bend.....	F. Hypes.....	.....	.....	.....	41 65
Total.....	.....	\$18,680 00	\$18,592 90	\$87 10	\$1,560 \$1,118 15
DAYTON DISTRICT.....	J. W. Weakley, P. E.	\$1,300 00	\$1,149 00	\$151 00	\$400
Dayton: Grace Church.....	J. F. M'Clelland.....	3,000 00	3,000 00	.....	..... \$241 00
Raper Chapel.....	T. Collett.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	Par. 55 00
Sears-street.....	A. Bowers.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	180	9 25
Buckeye.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Davison.....	G. H. Kennedy.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Troy: Mulberry-street.....	G. C. Crum.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	Par. 32 65
Franklin-street.....	A. D. Raleigh.....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Concord.....	S. W. Carey.....	625 00	625 00	.....	Par. 32 36
Miamisburg.....	J. P. Shultz.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par. 43 69

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
		Expend.	Receipts.	Deficit.		
Red Lion.....	William Young.....	\$1,000 00	\$1,000 00	.....	Par.	\$26 05
Franklin.....	S. B. Smith.....	900 00	900 00	.....	\$150	40 00
Middletown.....	C. H. Lawton.....	800 00	800 00	.....	175	23 50
Seven Mile.....	J. B. Ellsworth.....	500 00	480 00	\$20 00	.....	.....
Lewisburg.....	W. N. Williams.....	700 00	669 65	30 35	Par.	51 15
New Paris.....	E. P. James.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8 00
Eaton.....	J. W. Cassatt.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	138 75
Camden.....	M. G. Baker.....	750 00	750 00	.....	Par.	40 90
".....	D. D. Cheney.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winchester.....	N. Prince.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	.....	\$15,675 00	\$15,473 65	\$201 35	\$905	\$762 30
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.....	S. Bennett, P. E.....	\$1,400 00	\$1,400 00	.....	.....	.....
Springfield: Cent'l Church.	S. A. Brewster.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	\$300	\$55 00
High-street.....	L. Clark.....	1,500 00	1,500 00	.....	.....	146 00
Urbana: First Church.....	J. Stephenson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	120 00
Second Church.....	C. Ferguson.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	87 00
Piqua: Green-street.....	W. I. Fee.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	23 71
Grace Church.....	M. A. Richards.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	13 27
Lockington.....	W. Rector.....	525 00	525 00	.....	.....	33 05
Mechanicsburg.....	E. T. Wells.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	58 85
Catawba.....	T. J. Euans.....	700 00	700 00	.....	.....	14 00
".....	J. C. Deem.....	450 00	450 00	.....	.....	.....
Moorefield.....	C. F. Gowdy.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	28 55
Trenton.....	J. G. Black.....	800 00	800 00	.....	100	44 00
Fletcher.....	J. J. Hill.....	750 00	750 00	.....	.....	8 00
St. Paris.....	C. T. Frame.....	800 00	777 95	\$22 05	100	20 00
Addison.....	T. E. Fiddler.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	23 00
".....	T. Wones.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
King's Creek.....	H. M. Currey.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	7 06
".....	W. S. Paul.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
North Lewisburg.....	G. W. Kelley.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	50 00
East Liberty.....	J. F. Hull.....	600 00	518 00	82 00	Par.	10 00
Mingo.....	D. Whitmer.....	755 00	755 00	.....	Par.	19 77
Total.....	.....	\$16,180 00	\$16,075 95	\$104 05	\$500	\$761 26
XENIA DISTRICT.....	A. Lowrey, P. E.....	\$1,450 00	\$1,450 00	.....	.....	.....
Xenia: First Church.....	J. F. Marlay.....	1,300 00	1,300 00	.....	Par.	\$130 45
Trinity.....	M. Dustin.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	\$250	60 00
New Burlington.....	H. Stokes.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	15 00
".....	W. Overhults.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesville.....	W. H. Lawder.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	20 26
Deerfield.....	W. P. Jackson.....	500 00	440 00	\$60 00	48	6 15
Lebanon.....	J. Murray.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	43 78
Monroe.....	J. T. Bail.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	61 00
Old Town.....	S. F. Conrey.....	800 00	728 00	72 00	.....	21 00
Yellow Springs.....	J. Kendall.....	900 00	900 00	.....	.....	50 15
Fairfield.....	F. M. Clemens.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	30 00
New Carlisle.....	J. Pearson.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 02
South Charleston.....	J. W. Mason.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	100 00
Brant.....	C. T. Crum.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	18 00
Jamestown.....	A. W. Tibbits.....	1,000 00	935 00	65 00	Par.	158 30
".....	M. Kauffman.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	.....	.....
Union.....	J. Verity.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	73 45
".....	A. M. Griffith.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	.....
Raysville.....	D. Kemper.....	.....	69 05	.....	.....	50
Total.....	.....	\$14,750 00	\$14,622 05	\$197 00	\$298	\$808 06
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.....	S. D. Clayton, P. E.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Hillsboro.....	T. S. Cowden.....	\$1,200 00	\$1,200 00	.....	Par.	\$100 00
Greenfield.....	W. Fitzgerald.....	1,200 00	1,200 00	.....	Par.	77 50
Wilmington.....	W. Runyan.....	1,000 00	1,000 00	.....	Par.	44 75
Bowersville.....	J. J. Taggart.....	500 00	500 00	.....	\$100	40 00
Clarksville.....	M. P. Zink.....	900 00	813 30	\$86 70	Par.	72 90
".....	J. Ambrose.....	375 00	338 87	36 13	.....	.....
New Lexington.....	S. W. Edmiston.....	725 00	725 00	.....	57	43 35
".....	J. E. Gilbert, (2 mos.)	104 16	104 16	.....	.....	.....
".....	W. Malian, (7 mos.)	364 56	364 56	.....	.....	.....
Highland.....	E. Burdsall.....	500 00	500 00	.....	Par.	52 55
".....	M. G. Purkhisier.....	600 00	600 00	.....	.....	.....
Sinking Springs.....	T. D. W. Peak.....	655 00	655 00	.....	Par.	35 00
".....	D. L. Hayward.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	.....

CHARGES.	PREACHERS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
		Estim'tes	Receipts.	Deficit..		
West Union.....	W. M. Boyer.....	\$600 00	\$581 00	\$19 00	.....	\$24 10
" " supply.....	S. Thoroman.....	200 00	185 00	15 00	.....	.....
Winchester.....	G. M. Edgar.....	715 00	680 00	35 00	.....	50 00
" " supply.....	J. C. Bolton.....	275 00	260 00	15 00	.....	.....
Sardinia.....	G. W. Fee.....	625 00	575 00	50 00	.....	12 00
"	L. Young.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lynchburg.....	J. Vance.....	800 00	800 00	.....	.....	77 20
" supply.....	U. H. Smith.....	400 00	400 00	.....	.....	.....
Total.....		\$12,223 72	\$11,941 89	\$281 83	\$157	\$629 35
RIPLEY DISTRICT.....	A. Meharry, P. E.....	\$975 00	\$928 00	.....	.....	.....
Ripley.....	W. H. Sutherland.....	1,400 00	1,400 00	.....	Par.	\$100 00
Felicity.....	Sylvester Weeks.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	33 25
Georgetown.....	S. N. Marsh.....	700 00	700 00	.....	Par.	39 75
New Richmond.....	H. C. Middleton.....	800 00	800 00	.....	Par.	10 00
Decatur.....	W. J. Quarry.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20 20
"	C. J. Wells.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Manchester	J. P. Porter.....	750 00	750 00	.....	Par.	37 00
Moscow.....	J. S. Whitney.....	700 00	700 00	.....	\$120	21 35
Laurel.....	J. H. Middleton.....	600 00	500 00	\$100 00	Par.	37 39
"	C. H. Kalbfus.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Amelia.....	J. M. Robinson.....	700 00	682 31	7 69	.....	46 02
"	J. R. Hunter.....	500 00	492 00	8 00	.....	.....
Batavia.....	W. T. M'Mullen.....	700 00	700 00	.....	125	39 45
"	H. M. Keck.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Williamsburg.....	F. G. Mitchell.....	750 00	750 00	.....	Par.	40 00
Marathou.....	N. M' Donald.....	575 00	465 00	109 72	60	44 00
Bethel.....	R. E. Smith.....	600 00	600 00	.....	Par.	12 00
Feesburg.....	W. J. Thurber.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10 00
"	J. Calhoun.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Higginsport.....	J. F. Rapp.....	500 00	500 00	.....	.....	12 50
Total.....		\$8,875 00	\$8,665 28	\$225 41	\$305	\$502 91

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

DISTRICTS.	SALARIES.			House Rent...	Fifth Collect'n
	Estim'tes	Receipts.	Deficit..		
East Cincinnati.....	\$25,685 50	\$24,499 64	\$1,185 86	\$2,751	\$1,129 47
West Cincinnati.....	18,680 00	18,592 90	87 10	1,560	1,118 15
Dayton.....	15,675 00	15,473 65	201 35	905	762 36
Springfield.....	16,180 00	16,075 95	104 05	500	761 26
Xenia.....	14,750 00	14,622 05	197 00	298	808 06
Hillsboro.....	12,223 72	11,941 89	281 83	157	629 35
Ripley.....	8,875 00	8,665 28	225 41	305	502 91
Total.....	\$112,069 22	\$107,871 36	\$2,282 60	\$6,476	\$5,711 50

QUESTION 14. What amount is necessary for the superannuated preachers, and for the widows and orphans of preachers, and to make up the deficiency of those who have not obtained the regular allowance on the circuits?

ANSWER..... \$14,466 91

QUESTION 15. What has been collected on the foregoing accounts, and how has it been applied?

ANSWER. From charges..... \$5,711 50
 From Chartered Fund..... 35 00
 From Mears's estate..... 140 52
 From Kessler's estate..... 109 00

Total..... \$5,996 02

Applied as follows:

J. C. Maddy.....	\$289 80	Mrs. Hartley.....	\$144 90
W. Routledge	241 50	Mrs. Harris.....	144 90
A. U. Beall	241 50	Mrs. Fowble	144 90
A. Murphy.....	193 20	Mrs. Tomlinson.....	144 90
E. H. Field.....	193 20	Mrs. Neff.....	144 90
N. Callender.....	193 20	Mrs. Swormstedt.....	120 75
Mrs. West	193 20	Mrs. Musgrove.....	120 75
W. E. Hines.....	169 05	Mrs. Miller	96 60
T. A. G. Phillips.....	144 90	J. Boucher.....	96 60
B. Glasscock	144 90	J. Armstrong.....	96 60
Mrs. Shinn.....	144 90	Mrs. Marlay	96 60
Mrs. Brown.....	144 90	Mrs. Barton	96 60
Mrs. Stroud.....	144 90	Mrs. I. I. Beall.....	96 60
Mrs. Nation.....	144 90	Mrs. Roe.....	96 60
Mrs. Lorrain.....	144 90	Mrs. Cooper.....	96 60
Mrs. Sharp.....	144 90	Mrs. White.....	96 60
Mrs. Lovell.....	144 90	Mrs. Smith.....	72 45
Mrs. Meredith.....	144 90	Carrie Rowe	72 45
Mrs. Fyffe	144 90	John Barton	60 00
Mrs. Owens.....	144 90	J. A. Reeder	30 00
Mrs. Morrow	144 90	G. W. Rowe.....	24 15
Mrs. Newson.....	144 90	Stationery	45
Mrs. Hall.....	144 90		

STEWARDS.

J. C. BROOKE, *Chairman*,
 S. WEEKS, *Secretary*,
 T. J. HARRIS, *Treasurer*,
 C. F. BROOKE,

M. A. RICHARDS,
 W. H. COLE,
 A. B. WAMBAUGH,
 J. COCHNOWER,

W. N. WILLIAMS,
 S. F. CONREY,
 W. RUNYAN,
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REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES

Of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

THE Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church met in the lecture-room of the Methodist Episcopal Church, Eaton, Ohio, August 30, 1872, the following members being present: A. B. Wambaugh, President; A. Meharry, W. Young, W. L. Hypes, John W. Dale, Esq., and W. Herr, Secretary.

After prayer, the Secretary read the Minutes of the last meeting, and, on motion, they were approved.

The Treasurer presented the following report, which, on motion, was approved and adopted:

Treasurer's Report.

A. MEHARRY, Treasurer of the Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference, would respectfully report as follows:

1872. August 29, Received draft and interest on the same, per W.		
Herr, Mears's bequest		\$72 80
" " Check, per W. Herr, Mears's bequest		67 72
" " Interest on L. E. Van Cleve's note (Kessler bequest), \$1,635.....		109 00
		\$249 52

Contra—Cr.

1872. August 30, By amount paid to S. Weeks, Secretary of Conference Stewards, as per order of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference.....\$249 52

Respectfully submitted.

A. MEHARRY,

Treasurer of Trustees of the Cincinnati Conference.

The Treasurer was directed to pay the amount in the treasury, \$249.52, to the Stewards of the Conference for disbursement among the needy superannuated preachers, widows, and orphans of the Conference.

On motion, an election of Trustees for the ensuing year was had, with the following result: Ministers—A. B. Wambaugh, W. Herr, A. Meharry, W. L. Hypes, W. Young. Laymen—John W. Dale and J. C. Brooke, Esqs.

The Board reorganized by the appointment of

A. B. WAMBAUGH, *President.*

W. HERR, *Secretary.*

A. MEHARRY, *Treasurer.*

W. L. HYPES, W. YOUNG, JOHN W. DALE, J. C. BROOKE, *Trustees.*

Upon investigation of a certain note and mortgage, the property of the Trustees, being found defective, it was ordered by the Board that the President and Treasurer give attention to the matter, and rectify the defect.

It affords the Board great pleasure to inform the Conference that the Secretary, to whom was intrusted at a former meeting the business of bequests received from the estate of Robert Singleton, late of Urbana, Ohio, the sum of \$500 for the American Tract Society, which was paid to the proper officer of said Society, the receipt whereof is on file.

The Board would also inform the Conference that, since the opening of the session, the Secretary has received from Mr. W. C. Stevenson, agent of Mrs. Mary Singleton, executrix of Robert Singleton, deceased, a second bequest-payment for the benefit of the Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal Church, \$600, which amount has been paid to Rev. J. F. Conrey, Treasurer of the Cincinnati Conference Missionary Society.

We regret the necessity of informing the Conference that, in consequence of litigation among some of the legatees, the bequest of Mrs. Rebecca Townsend, late of Milford, Ohio, of \$5,000, known as the "KUGLER BEQUEST," has not yet been realized; and, though payment has been delayed, we have reason to believe it will be paid in due time, and that, too, we hope, with interest.

On motion, the Secretary was directed to report to the Conference the foregoing proceedings, and respectfully ask the confirmation of the election of the Trustees and the reorganization of the Board.

There being no further business, on motion, the Board adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

A. B. WAMBAUGH, *President of the Board.*

W. HERR, *Secretary.*

The foregoing report, on motion, was adopted by the Conference, and the election of the Trustees and the reorganization of the Board was confirmed.

Attest. **D. JUDSON STARR, Secretary Cincinnati Conference.**
CONFERENCE ROOM, *Eaton, O., Sept. 3, 1872.*

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

APPROPRIATED to

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT: Columbia and Pendleton.....	\$400 00
Higginsport and Chilo	150 00
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT: Fairmount.....	250 00
M'Lean..	300 00
DAYTON DISTRICT: Dayton Mission.....	400 00
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT: South Springfield.....	300 00
Total.....	\$1,800 00

L. F. VAN CLEVE, Secretary.

I concur in the above appropriations.

I. W. WILEY.

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

APPOINTMENTS.	Sabbath-school.	Congregation...	TOTAL.
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel, by Rev. A. N. Spahr....	\$178 64	\$276 03	\$454 67
Trinity, by Rev. M. C. Briggs.....	400 00	920 19	1,320 19
Asbury, by Rev. C. W. Ketcham.....	.....	.....	256 25
Pearl-street, by Rev. A. Hamilton.....	46 83	91 40	138 23
M'Kendree, by Rev. George H. Dart.....	61 05	133 00	194 05
Mt. Auburn, by Rev. G. T. Weaver.....	80 00	24 00	104 00
Walnut Hills, by Rev. Wm. L. Hypes (special collection, \$31.50).....	.....	.....	384 00
Ladies' Home Mission, Mears Chapel, by Rev. J. F. Loyd.....	48 32	42 10	90 42
High-street and Pendleton Mission, by Rev. A. Jemison.....	46 42	28 58	75 00
Grace Church, by Rev. O. A. Brown.....	.....	.....	80 00
Mt. Washington, by Rev. A. B. Wambaugh.....	55 90	46 45	102 35
Madisonville, by Rev. D. C. Vance.....	75 00	90 00	165 00
Newtown, by Rev. R. A. Arthur.....	.....	.....	87 50
Milford, by Rev. D. Warnock.....	44 65	27 60	72 25
Loveland and Maineville, by Rev. R. K. Deem.....	40 00	20 00	60 00
Butlerville, by Rev. E. C. Smith.....	4 80	101 64	106 44
Centenary, by Rev. J. L. Gregg.....	.....	.....	63 60
Goshen, by Rev. W. Q. Shannon.....	33 80	74 15	107 95
Miami, by Rev. H. S. Hagerman.....	.....	.....	55 00

APPOINTMENTS.	Sabbath-school.	Congregation...	TOTAL.
Morrow, by Rev. N. C. Parrish.....	.....	.....	\$43 75
Sharonville and West Chester, by Rev. J. M'K. Shultz.....	.....	.....	38 00
			\$3,998 65
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.			
Cincinnati: St. Paul, by Rev. R. M. Hatfield.....	\$505 82	\$1497 50	2,003 32
Christie, by Rev. W. A. Robinson.....	100 00	440 00	540 00
St. John's, by Rev. R. R. Meredith.....	700 00	.....	700 00
Finley, by Rev. H. Miller.....	.....	.....	45 00
York-street, by Rev. G. Moody.....	41 25	89 10	130 35
M'Lean Chapel, by Rev. E. M'Hugh.....	61 60	13 40	75 00
Fairmount.....	.....	.....	.....
Cumminsville, by Rev. J. Wilson.....	.....	.....	.....
Spring Grove, by Rev. J. W. Peters.....	.....	91 00	91 00
Lockland, by Rev. W. B. Moler.....	20 50	142 25	162 75
Port Union, by Rev. W. B. Jackson.....	.....	90 30	90 30
Bethany, by Rev. C. Kalbfus.....	10 15	51 65	61 80
Hamilton, by Rev. D. J. Starr.....	.....	.....	215 31
Oxford, by Rev. T. J. Harris.....	.....	.....	167 00
Venice, by Rev. G. J. Conner.....	.....	.....	121 50
Harrison, by Rev. J. S. Pumphrey.....	.....	41 58	41 58
North Bend, by Rev. F. Hypes.....	.....	.....	60 00
Cheviot, by Rev. R. Leslie Vickers.....	17 25	4 14	21 40
			\$4,526 31
DAYTON DISTRICT.			
Dayton: Grace Church, by Rev. J. F. M'Clelland.....	424 88	264 61	689 49
Raper, by Rev. T. Collett.....	230 00	130 00	360 00
Sears-street, by Rev. A. Bowers.....	10 00	.....	10 00
Buckeye.....	.....	.....	.....
Davison, by Rev. G. H. Kennedy.....	.....	.....	20 00
Troy: Mulberry-street, by Rev. G. C. Crum.....	75 00	57 15	132 15
Franklin-street, by Rev. A. D. Raleigh.....	.....	.....	15 10
Concord, by Rev. S. W. Carey.....	.....	39 75	39 75
Miamisburg, by Rev. J. P. Shultz.....	22 17	67 05	89 22
Red Lion and Springboro, by Rev. W. Young.....	.....	.....	89 30
Franklin, by Rev. S. B. Smith.....	15 56	67 44	83 00
Middletown, by Rev. C. H. Lawton.....	27 00	77 05	104 05
Seven Mile, by Rev. J. B. Ellsworth.....	.....	.....	17 26
Lewisburg, by Rev. W. N. Williams.....	.....	.....	74 30
New Paris, by Rev. E. P. James.....	.....	.....	38 00
Eaton, by Rev. J. W. Cassatt.....	16 35	76 10	92 45
Camden, by Rev. M. G. Baker.....	.....	.....	67 75
Winchester and Germantown, by Rev. N. Prince.....	.....	.....	17 00
			\$1,938 82
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.			
Springfield: Central Church, by Rev. S. A. Brewster	45 73	150 27	196 00
High-street, by Rev. L. Clark.....	132 89	256 00	388 89
Urbana: First Church, by Rev. J. Stephenson.....	.....	300 00	300 00
Second Church, by Rev. C. Ferguson.....	119 06	242 25	361 31
Piqua: Greene-street, by Rev. W. I. Fee.....	100 00	63 50	163 50
Grace Church, by Rev. M. A. Richards.....	.....	50 00	50 00
Lockington, by Rev. W. Rector.....	.....	.....	63 30

APPOINTMENTS.

	Sabbath-school.	Congregation ..	TOTAL.
Mechanicsburg, by Rev. E. T. Wells.....	\$224 55
Catawba, by Rev. T. J. Euans.....	\$48 65	48 65
Moorefield, by Rev. C. F. Gowdy.....	71 70	71 70
Tremont, by Rev. J. G. Black.....	126 65
Fletcher, by Rev. J. J. Hill.....	70 00	70 00
St. Paris and Lena, by Rev. C. T. Frame.....	41 00	41 00
Addison, by Rev. T. E. Fiddler (special coll., \$10.)	115 20
King's Creek, by Rev. H. M. Currey.....	155 50
North Lewisburg, by Rev. G. W. Kelley.....	65 00
East Liberty, by Rev. J. F. Hull.....	27 50
Mingo and Tabor, by Rev. D. Whitmer.....	96 30	96 30
Covington, by Rev. J. A. Castle.....	3 25
			\$2,568 30

XENIA DISTRICT.

Xenia: First Church, by Rev. J. F. Marlay.....	\$140 18	215 35	355 53
Trinity, by Rev. M. Dustin.....	69 78	165 00	234 78
New Burlington, by Rev. H. Stokes.....	.....	.....	112 75
Waynesville, by Rev. W. H. Lawder.....	11 07	71 30	82 37
Deerfield and Zoar, by Rev. W. P. Jackson.....	.....	22 30	22 30
Lebanon, by Rev. J. Murray.....	32 50	149 07	181 57
Monroe, by Rev. J. T. Bail.....	22 53	120 77	143 30
Old Town, by Rev. S. F. Conrey.....	.....	.....	66 20
Yellow Springs, by Rev. J. Kendall (special collection, \$20).....	32 67	105 83	158 50
Fairfield, by Rev. F. M. Clemens (special coll., \$7.60) .....	.....	69 60	69 60
New Carlisle, by Rev. J. Pearson.....	46 50	113 50	160 00
South Charleston, by Rev. J. W. Mason.....	.....	.....	184 87
Brant, by Rev. C. T. Crum.....	.....	.....	48 00
Jamestown, by Rev. A. W. Tibbits.....	134 00	318 85	455 60
Union, by Rev. J. Verity.....	24 06	272 25	296 31
Raysville and Merrittstown, by Rev. D. Kemper.....	.....	.....	1 50
			\$2,568 18

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Hillsboro, by Rev. T. S. Cowden.....	124 70	193 00	317 70
Greenfield, by Rev. W. Fitzgerald.....	.....	.....	99 79
Wilmington, by Rev. W. Runyan.....	23 91	61 80	85 71
Bowersville, by Rev. J. J. Taggart.....	.....	.....	150 00
Clarksville, by Rev. M. P. Zink.....	11 75	166 25	178 00
New Lexington, by Rev. S. W. Edmiston.....	.....	239 00	239 00
Hughland, by Rev. E. Burdsall.....	.....	170 00	170 00
Sinking Springs, by Rev. T. D. W. Peak.....	40	176 71	177 11
West Union, by Rev. W. M. Boyer.....	.....	87 80	87 80
Winchester, by Rev. G. M. Edgar.....	37 50	148 50	186 00
Sardinia, by Rev. G. W. Fee.....	.....	.....	115 10
Lynchburg, by Rev. J. Vance (special coll., \$25).....	.....	.....	212 25
			\$2,018 46

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Ripley, by Rev. W. H. Sutherland.....	30 27	275 00	305 27
Felicity, by Rev. S. Weeks.....	12 00	60 00	72 00
Georgetown, by Rev. S. N. Marsh.....	.....	63 60	63 60
New Richmond, by Rev. H. C. Middleton.....	19 25	82 53	101 78
Decatur, by Rev. W. J. Quarry.....	.....	262 00	262 00

APPOINTMENFS.	Sabbath-school.	Congregation...	TOTAL.
Manchester, by Rev. J. P. Porter.....	\$45 85	\$45 85
Moscow, Rev. J. S. Whitney	117 02	117 02
Laurel, by Rev. J. H. Middleton.....	221 04	221 04
Amelia, by Rev. J. M. Robinson.....	217 77	217 77
Batavia, by Rev. W. T. M'Mullen	134 00
Williamsburg, by Rev. F. G. Mitchell	133 61
Marathon, by Rev. N. M'Donald	69 00
Bethel, by Rev. R. E. Smith, (for India).....	119 10	119 10
Feesburg, by Rev. W. J. Thurber.....	75 00
Higginsport and Chilo, by Rev. J. F. Rapp.....	34 55
			\$1,971 59

Bequests.

Part of bequest of Robert Singleton, per W. C. Stevenson, agent of Mrs. Mary Singleton, executrix of the Will of Robert Singleton.....\$600 00

Anniversary.

For China Mission, by Rev. J. F. Wright.....	\$5 00
Addition to Springfield District.....	20 00
" Xenia District.....	15 24
Total special collection at Anniversary meeting.....	\$40 24

RECAPITULATION.

East Cincinnati District.....	\$3,998 65
West Cincinnati District.....	4,526 31
Dayton District.....	1,938 82
Springfield District.....	2,568 30
Xenia	2,568 18
Hillsboro District.....	2,018 46
Ripley District.....	1,971 59
Total from districts.....	\$19,590 31
Total bequest.....	600 00
Total Anniversary collection.....	40 24
Total.....	\$20,230 55

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Cash paid at Cincinnati, as per receipts.....	\$6,719 42
Cash paid Hitchcock & Walden, at Eaton.....	13,449 83
Cash on hand, reserved for printing report	61 80
Total.....	20,230 55

J. FORD CONREY.

REPORT ON CHURCH EXTENSION.

YOUR Committee is impressed with the fact that this Society does not receive the attention from ministers and people which its great utility deserves. It is classed among the infant societies, and the great heart of the Church, as yet, has not been brought to feel its vast importance. Yet, through the faithfulness and liberality of a small minority, it has done much in establishing our beloved Church in remote parts of our land. In the past six years it has aided, by loan or grant, in the erection or purchase of six hundred temples of worship, scattered over thirty-six states of our Union.

This institution is established upon a wise financial basis; her officers and agents are men of tact, ability, and piety. Her object is to aid worthy necessitous cases. In some instances a donation is made; in other instances a loan is granted, with or without interest, according to the nature of the case. The money loaned, in due time is collected, and applied elsewhere in building sanctuaries for the Lord. And so on, these means may be applied until the Church of Christ is established in all the world.

If we consider a few facts, we will see the vast importance of speedy action upon the part of the Church in this noble cause. The revolution in the South has opened the way for this enterprise. The struggling Churches in all her borders are calling for help. The great railroad of our country has opened up our continent even to the Pacific Coast, and in all parts of the West the country is being peopled with the different tribes of earth. These people will have some kind of religion, and whatever form is first offered the masses will accept. Other Churches and fraternities, many of which are antagonistic to evangelical religion, are at work, and are anxious to take the field. The Papal Church is taking advantage of the occasion, and sending her missionaries and erecting her churches. Infidel doctrines of every phase are taught, and the unbeliever would claim the land as his. And even heathen temples have been erected upon American soil. Now is the time to work. "Let us go up and possess the land, for we are fully able."

The practical question with this Conference is, What can we do to aid in this noble enterprise? We answer, Let us furnish the means. Let every pastor bring this subject before his congregation, and plead for it till the people are awake to its interests. The common excuse offered, "We have so many collections," is no reason for neglecting this. No man gives too much to the Lord. Our people need to be taught benevolence; and many have yet to learn that giving is a means of grace, and that every institution which has for its object the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom has a claim upon our liberality. When the whole Church reaches this point, it will come to pass that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the tops of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow into it.

W. M. YOUNG, *Pres.*, GRANVILLE MOODY,

S. W. EDMISTON, *Sec.*, F. M. CLEMENS,

W. M. L. HYPES, T. J. EUANS.

JAS. ARMSTRONG,

REPORT OF THE TREASURER

Of the Church Extension Society of the Cincinnati Conference, for the Year ending August 28, 1872.

East Cincinnati District.

M'Kendree, G. H. Dart.....	\$10 00
Trinity, M. C. Briggs.....	239 00
Grace Church, O. A. Brown...	35 00
Mears Chapel, J. F. Loyd.....	20 60
Goshen, W. Q. Shannon	7 25
Newtown, R. A. Arthur.....	6 00
Sharonville and West Chester, J. M'K. Shultz.....	8 50
Miami, H. S. Hagerman.....	8 10
High-street, Pendleton, and Columbia, Alex. Jemison..	9 00
Butlerville, E. C. Smith.....	17 15
East Pearl-street, A. Hamilton	6 10
Wesley Chapel, A. N. Spahr...	108 78
Madisonville, D. C. Vance.....	30 00
Walnut Hills, W. F. Hypes...	40 52

West Cincinnati District.

St. Paul, R. M. Hatfield.....	\$137 64
Christie, W. A. Robinson.....	127 50
Port Union, W. B. Jackson...	21 00
Lockland, W. B. Moler.....	9 50
Venice, G. J. Conner.....	15 00
Hamilton, D. J. Starr.....	15 20
Harrison, J. S. Pumphrey.....	4 87

Dayton District.

Grace Church, J. F. M'Clelland	\$76 00
St. Paul, Eaton, J. W. Cassatt.	27 75
Franklin, S. B. Smith.....	12 00
Middletown, C. H. Lawton.....	7 75
Mulberry-street, Troy, G. C. Crum.....	20 00
Franklin-street, Troy, A. D. Raleigh.....	1 00

Springfield District.

Mechanicsburg, E. T. Wells...	\$34 05
St. Paris and Lena, C. T. Frame	2 85
Central Church, S. A. Brewster	13 30
North Lewisburg, G. W. Kelley	1 00
Tremont Circuit, J. G. Black..	9 50
Grace Church, Piqua, M. A. Richards.....	5 00

Xenia District.

Union Circuit, A. M. Griffith..	\$15 25
Waynesville, W. H. Lawder...	8 00
Brant, C. T. Crum.....	5 00
Trinity, M. Dustin.....	34 05
Jamestown, A. W. Tibbits....	23 00
New Carlisle, J. Pearson	5 00
South Charleston, J. W. Mason	30 00

Hillsboro District.

Clarksville, M. P. Zink.....	\$7 90
Winchester, G. W. Edgar.....	4 00
Highland, E. Burdsall.....	5 00
West Union, W. M. Boyer.....	5 25
Sinking Spring, T. D. W. Peak	11 50
Lynchburg, J. Vance.....	12 15
Greenfield, W. Fitzgerald.....	17 70
Hillsboro, T. S. Cowden.....	6 00

Ripley District.

Bethel, R. C. Smith.....	\$20 20
Ripley, W. H. Sutherland.....	15 00
Williamsburg, F. G. Mitchell...	9 50
New Richmond, H. C. Mid- leton	2 00
Manchester, J. P. Porter.....	2 00
Marathon, N. M'Donald.....	9 00
Feesburg, W. J. Thurber.....	6 00

Recapitulation by Districts.

East Cincinnati District.....	\$556 05
West Cincinnati District.....	330 71
Dayton District.....	124 50
Springfield District.....	59 70
Xenia District.....	120 30
Hillsboro District.....	69 50
Ripley District:.....	63 70

Total for the Conference.....\$1,374 46

The above has been paid over to Hitchcock & Walden, for the Parent Church Extension Society in Philadelphia, and does not include the amounts contributed from the Conference for the relief of the Chicago Churches.

MADISON A. RICHARDS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CAUSE.

THE increasing interest manifested by ministers and people in the Sunday-school work indicates that it is regarded by the Church as a most efficient means of bringing souls to Christ. It is gratifying, also, to know that the large number of beautiful Churches which have recently been erected among us have all been constructed with special reference to the services of the Sunday-school, and the time is not far distant when the minister who neglects the Sunday-school will not be an acceptable pastor.

Your Committee would recommend the adoption of a uniform lesson system in the Sunday-school, and we know of none so good as the Berean Series, edited by Dr. Vincent; but they would earnestly protest against the use of lesson papers in the school to the exclusion of the Bible. Let not these modern facilities supplant the time-honored custom of memorizing portions of God's Word and learning the Catechism.

Your Committee are of the opinion that great good has been done by County Sunday-school Unions of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and that the work would be better performed if Methodists would organize a Union of their own in each county. It is hoped that the preachers will do all they can to secure such an organization in each county.

It is to be regretted that no Conference Sunday-school Convention was held during the past year. This failure was due to the fact that the Conference neglected to elect officers of the Sunday-school Union at its last session, and also that the General Conference was in session at the time when the convention should have been held. Your Committee recommend that a convention be held this Fall, at such time and place as the officers of the Sunday-school Union of this Conference shall name.

Above all, let us remember that, with all our facilities and organizations, our success in winning souls to Christ depends upon the baptism of the Holy Spirit, on ministers and officers, and teachers and children, and with this we may hope to see many souls converted during the coming year.

Respectfully submitted.

J. W. PETERS, *Secretary.*

L. CLARK, *Chairman.*

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SUNDAY-SCHOOL UNION.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Asbury Chapel, C. W. Ketcham.	\$ 5 00
Mears Chapel, J. F. Loyd.....	3 00
Walnut Hills, W. L. Hypes.....	14 31
Madisonville, D. C. Vance.....	3 00
Morrow, N. C. Parrish.....	2 50
Newtown Circuit, R. A. Arthur	2 00

\$29 81

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

St. Paul, R. M. Hatfield.....	\$43 00
Christie Chapel, W. A. Robinson	12 50

Harrison, J. S. Pumphrey.....	\$ 5 00
Lockland, W. B. Moler.....	3 00
Port Union Circuit, W. B. Jackson.....	3 15
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	\$66 65

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Grace Church, J. F. M' Clelland.	\$30 00
Franklin, S. B. Smith.....	4 30
Eaton, J. W. Cassatt.....	5 00
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	\$39 30

SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.	
Central Church, S. A. Brewster	\$6 13
Green-street, Piqua, William I.	
Fee.....	5 55
Mechanicsburg, E. T. Wells.....	2 60
St. Paris and Lena, C. T. Frame	1 00
Fletcher, J. J. Hill.....	1 00
Mingo and Mt. Tabor, D. Whit-	
mer.....	3 65
Lockington Circuit, Wesley Rec-	
tor	8 70
Tremont Circuit, J. G. Black...	3 00
North Lewisburg Circuit, Geo.	
W. Kelley.....	3 00
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	\$34 63
XENIA DISTRICT.	
Trinity Church, M. Dustin.....	\$7 78
First Church, J. F. Marlay.....	7 50
South Charleston, J. W. Mason..	10 00
Jamestown, A. W. Tibbits.....	6 75
Union Circuit, J. Verity.....	5 00
New Carlisle, John Pearson.....	1 50
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	\$38 53
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.	
Greenfield, W. Fitzgerald.....	\$5 00
Clarksville, M. P. Zink.....	12 30
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	\$276 12
Lynchburg, J. Vance.....	
Winchester, Geo. M. Edgar.....	
Highland, E. Burdsall.....	
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	\$24 00
RIPLEY DISTRICT.	
Ripley, W. H. Sutherland.....	
Feesburg, W. J. Thurber.....	
Williamsburg, F. G. Mitchell...	
Decatur, W. J. Quarry	
Georgetown, S. N. Marsh.....	
New Richmond, H. C. Middle-	
ton.....	
Felicity, S. Weeks.....	
Marathon, N M'Donald.....	
Bethel, R. E. Smith.....	
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	\$43 20
RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.	
East Cincinnati.....	
West Cincinnati.....	
Dayton.....	
Springfield	
Xenia.....	
Hillsboro.....	
Ripley	
	—
	\$29 81
	66 65
	39 30
	34 63
	38 53
	24 00
	43 20

This amount has been paid to Hitchcock & Walden.

OLIVER A. BROWN, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON TRACT CAUSE.

IT is the sense of your Committee that there is a great lack of attention to this cause on the part both of ministry and laity. The General Conference has thought it of sufficient importance to place it on the list for Conference collection, and yet we find that very few of the charges report any collection at all. Out of one hundred and seventeen charges, only forty took collections last year for this enterprise, the collections amounting in all to only two hundred and twenty-three dollars and twenty-seven cents; and where they have been taken, they are very meager; but if all the charges would give, even in this small proportion, we should have nearly three times the amount of money now contributed to expend in the distribution of religious tracts that would silently but surely bring many hearts to Jesus. Out of one hundred and seventeen charges, thirty-six have taken collections this year. We learn from the report of the Corresponding Secretary that "it is proposed, during the current year, to revise our list of tracts, to republish many of them in a new form, to destroy plates which can no longer be useful, and to add a large number of fresh, vigorous, and practical tracts to our catalogue. Several plans have been already inaugurated by which the efficiency of

the Tract Department will be greatly increased." Therefore, we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

Resolved, That we request the pastors to take a collection for this cause early in the Conference year and use a portion of it in home distribution.

D. WHITMER, *Chairman.*

J. S. PUMPHREY, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT OF THE CONFERENCE TRACT SOCIETY.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Cincinnati: Asbury, C. W.	
Ketcham.....	\$4 25
Cincinnati: Walnut Hills, Wm.	
L. Hypes.....	3 38
Ladies' Home Mission, Mears	
Chapel, John F. Loyd.....	2 00
Madisonville, D. C. Vance.....	10 00
Newtown, R. A. Arthur.....	5 38
Morrow, N. C. Parrish.....	2 50
Sharonville and Winchester, J.	
M'K. Shultz.....	1 00
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	\$28 51

Yellow Springs, J. Kendall.....	\$2 00
Union Circuit, J. Verity.....	5 00
Jamestown Circuit, A. W. Tib-	
bits.....	5 00
New Carlisle, John Pearson.....	1 50
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	\$28 27

HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Greenfield, Wm. Fitzgerald.....	\$5 00
Winchester, Geo. M. Edgar.....	1 20
Lynchburg, John Vance.....	1 85
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	\$8 05

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Cincinnati: St. Paul, R. M. Hat-	
field.....	\$17 02
Cincinnati: Christie, Wm. A.	
Robinson.....	12 50
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	\$29 52

Ripley, Wm. H. Sutherland.....	\$9 00
Felicity, S. Weeks.....	1 50
Georgetown, S. N. Marsh.....	5 50
New Richmond, H. C. Middle-	
ton.....	1 00
Williamsburg, F. G. Mitchell...	3 50
Marathon, N. M'Donald.....	10 00
Bethel, R. E. Smith.....	4 00
Feesburg, W. J. Thurber.....	3 00
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	\$27 50

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

Dayton: Grace Church, J. F.	
M' Clelland.....	\$15 00
Franklin, S. B. Smith.....	4 00
Eaton, John W. Cassatt.....	6 00
Camden, M. G. Baker.....	2 71
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	\$27 71

East Cincinnati District.....	\$28 51
West Cincinnati District.....	29 52
Dayton District.....	27 71
Springfield District.....	19 96
Xenia District.....	28 27
Hillsboro District.....	8 05
Ripley District.....	27 50
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	\$169 52

Springfield, Central Church, S.	
A. Brewster.....	\$6 61
Piqua, Green-street, Wm. I. Fee	5 55
Lockington, W. Rector.....	3 20
Mechanicsburg, E. T. Wells....	2 60
St. Paris and Lena, C. T. Frame	1 00
North Lewisburg, G. W. Kelley	1 00
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	\$19 96

Paid Hitchcock & Walden at	
Conference.....	\$106 00
Paid at Methodist Book Room,	
as per receipts.....	63 52
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	\$169 52

A. M. GRIFFITH, *Treasurer.*

Xenia: Trinity, M. Dustin.....	\$7 77
South Charleston, J. W. Mason	7 00

REPORT ON FREEDMEN'S AID.

THE Freemen's Aid Society has been successfully engaged in elevating the character and condition of the colored people of the South. It devotes especial attention to the preparation of teachers and preachers; and, by the employment of these, aims at the general education and salvation of this people. The Society has accomplished all that could have been expected with the limited means hitherto at its command. As yet but a small part of this great field has been cultivated. Large sections of country, teeming with thousands and tens of thousands of ignorant and degraded people, are to-day without a single school. Multitudes, thus perishing in ignorance, appeal, in the most heart-rending manner, to us for help. As patriots, as philanthropists, as Christians, can we, dare we, be indifferent to the claims and cries of a race struggling in our own beloved land for intelligence and pure religion? The fate of this long oppressed people, and the future destiny of our nation, depend very largely upon our efforts in their behalf. The American Church has not discharged its whole duty to these children of Africa. While we expend millions of dollars upon foreign fields, let us not forget that the work at home, at this crisis, demands attention, and that our loyalty to Jesus and humanity call upon us to meet this demand like men. No appeal to Methodism is more imperative than this; and no field promises richer harvests than the one occupied by the Freedmen's Aid Society.

Impelled by the importance of this work, the last General Conference fully recognized this Society, and elected a member of this Conference its Corresponding Secretary, and made it the duty of our preachers to present the claims of the Society, or to have them presented, and take up a collection annually in its behalf in each society. In view of this action, and of the fact that the Church has been called upon to raise one hundred thousand dollars for this Society, and that the Cincinnati Conference is called upon to raise three thousand dollars of this sum, your Committee submit the following resolution:

Resolved, That we will earnestly labor to secure an average contribution of ten cents per member, from our respective charges, for this cause.

A. N. SPAHR, *Chairman.*

T. DE WITT PEAK, *Secretary.*

PREACHERS' RELIEF SOCIETY.

SECRETARY'S ANNUAL REPORT.

Dear Brethren, Members of the Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Conference:

ANOTHER brief year has sped by—a year especially to impress us with the thought of our mortality—and to show us the value of the Bible and of our holy Christianity; for, by these, life and immortality are brought to light. Since our last anniversary, death has borne from us some of our dear yoke-fellows in the Gospel,—Revs. L. P. Miller, John Shinn, Isaac Neff, and John Seys, D. D. The last named crossed the Atlantic some

sixteen times, principally in the interests of the Church, as a missionary to Africa. We sorrow on account of our loss, but not as they who are without hope, for these our brethren died gloriously with the victor's shout upon their lips; and we, to-night, can almost hear them, as we stand upon the shore, echoing back from the farther side of the stream, "Be faithful unto death, and you, too, shall have a crown of life." We devoutly implore the protection and daily benediction of the God of the widow and of the fatherless to abide with the stricken widows and families of the departed, and to help us to emulate their fidelity, and to be ready when we shall be called, that it may be from labor to reward, from toil to rest.

Preachers' Relief Societies found their necessity in the fact that the support of the Gospel ministry is generally meager and insufficient, and that by loss of health and by the infirmities of age many are liable to be overtaken by the dark clouds of poverty, and finally to die, leaving helpless widows and children in the same condition of distress.

These societies are a standing reproof and charge against the Church for neglecting one of her plainest Bible-imposed duties, and through them an appeal is made, in hopeful confidence that a Christian public will assist in providing against the pressure of so great a wrong.

Our Society dates its origin at the Xenia Conference, in 1837. Among its founders were the venerable men of old-time Ohio Methodism, James B. Finley, James Quinn, Greenberry R. Jones, David Young, John C. Brooke, Wm. H. Raper, Charles Elliott, R. O. Spencer, L. L. Hamline, Wm. B. Christy, Geo. W. Walker, and nearly all who then were members of the Ohio Conference.

Most of those revered men rest in heaven, and have been awarded a crown of life. Within the last few years our Society has been made more capable of efficiency by assuming a chartered existence and powers under the laws of the State.

"The object of the Society is to accumulate a fund, the proceeds of which shall be to secure a comfortable support for the needy beneficiary members, and for the widows and children of deceased members."

This Society being incorporated, it has all the elements of perpetuity and stability which commend it to the confidence of a generous public, from which it solicits contributions to its funds.

It also offers peculiar inducements to those who need a regular and satisfactory income from their money or property for a given period, and yet, at the same time, would dedicate the remainder to the aid of one of the most worthy and noble objects. We call especial attention to this feature of our Constitution: "This Society will take and hold as trustee any sum not less than fifty dollars, upon which it will pay a reasonable annuity to the donor, or his order, during his life, or during any specified time, the principal or residue to become the absolute property of the Society at the expiration of an agreed term."

"The Society has been doing a good work in an unobtrusive way; but it were well and seemly that it should come forth before the whole people with its appeals, founded, as they are, upon justice, in behalf of the aged and worn-out ministers, self-sacrificing men, God's heroes, who did not even count their *lives* dear unto them, so that they might with joy

finish their course and the ministry they had received of the Lord Jesus, to testify the Gospel of the grace of God."

These (a few only linger to keep fresh before us our duty), together with the widows and orphans of those who have passed on before us, deserve and *must have* our sympathy and support. The Lord help all to do their duty!

Respectfully submitted.

A. B. WAMBAUGH, *Secretary.*

TREASURER'S REPORT

Of the Preachers' Relief Society of the Cincinnati Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, for the Year ending August 28, 1872.

FUNDED CAPITAL.

United States Bonds.....	\$3,800 00
Personal Notes secured.....	2,999 83
Railroad Stock.....	100 00
Real Estate, as yet unproductive	400 00
Mortgage Notes, without Interest.....	300 00
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	\$7,599 83

RECEIPTS FOR DISBURSEMENT.

United States Coupons, premium and interest.....	\$258 79
Interest on Notes	270 71
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	\$529 50

Wm. YOUNG, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON PARSONAGES.

YOUR Committee reports the gratifying intelligence that in several parts of the Conference there is evidence of increased attention to the importance of providing suitable homes for our preachers—those men of devoted piety who, for Christ's sake, have entered the itinerancy, not counting their lives dear unto them, or asking whether, more favored than their Master, they shall have even a place to lay their heads? It is cause for devout thanksgiving that the Gospel preached by these men is so winning the world and laying tribute upon its wealth, that, while suitable churches are erected in which it may be proclaimed, its heralds are recognized as worthy, *for its sake*, of comfortable homes even here. A larger number of parsonages have been built during the past than during any former year of our history; while the commodious and even elegant style of several of these structures is very marked.

But while much has been done, much is yet to be accomplished. It is said that Mohammed, viewing Damascus from a distance, failed to enter it because he believed it the privilege of man to have but one paradise, and he preferred his in the next world. Not very many of the ministers of this Conference are deterred from entering their parsonages from like reasons; while some of them, so far as any provision made by their charges is concerned, are supposed to count it all joy to be like their Lord—homeless.

To many, the wide difference in the character of our parsonages is a matter of serious regret, but is beyond the control of this body. Probably no one is to blame because the valuation of the parsonages built this year ranges from \$1,000 to \$28,000. The charge building the cheaper house did the best it could; the other has not exceeded its means, or the style of its church.

We respectfully call attention to the report of last year on the subject of furniture. There is great need of a thorough change in the policy of our charges on this subject; and we earnestly recommend that all our parsonages, especially those in the parts of the Conference where moving must be done by wagons, be supplied with all perishable articles of furniture.

We recommend the following resolutions:

1. That each circuit and station destitute of a parsonage should immediately inaugurate measures to secure one.
2. That we recommend the supplying of all our parsonages with suitable furniture.
3. That trustees of parsonages be, and hereby are, respectfully requested to put the property in good condition before their pastor moves into it, thereby saving the labor and inconvenience of moving from room to room, while with his own hands, and too often at his own expense, he labors to make the house a comfortable home for his family.
4. That if indebtedness has been incurred by improvement made under the direction of the trustees, and the money is due the pastor, he having advanced the same, we urge the brethren, and especially the parsonage trustees, to pay the amount immediately, and save him from financial embarrassment.
5. That the presiding elders be requested to call the attention of destitute charges to the foregoing resolutions, and to lay them before their quarterly conferences at the earliest practicable period.

Respectfully submitted.

R. K. DEEM,	W. B. JACKSON,
M. G. BAKER,	J. G. BLACK,
H. STOKES,	W. J. QUARRY,

} Committee.

COLLECTIONS FOR BISHOPS' SUPPORT.

EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

Mount Auburn, G. T. Weaver.....	\$3 75
Newtown, G. T. Weaver.....	1 75

WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.

M'Lean Chapel, E. M'Hugh.....	10 75
Lockland, W. B. Moler.....	5 30

DAYTON DISTRICT.

Miamisburg, J. P. Shultz.....	14 45
Franklin, S. B. Smith.....	9 30
Middletown, C. H. Lawton.....	4 65

XENIA DISTRICT.

New Burlington, C. T. Crum.....	\$9 25
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HILLSBORO DISTRICT.

Wilmington, Wm. Runyan.....	15 75
Highland, E. Burdsall.....	11 00

RIPLEY DISTRICT.

Georgetown, S. N. Marsh.....	3 00
New Richmond, H. C. Middleton..	1 00

Total.....	\$89 95
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J. W. PETERS, *Treasurer.*

REPORT ON FINANCE.

1. WE know of no more sacred obligation resting upon Christians than the duty of supporting the Gospel of the grace of God.

2. We think there need not, and ought not, to be a single deficiency in the Cincinnati Conference; and if the preachers cultivate and enlighten the conscience of the Church on this subject, and the people prayerfully consider their *duty*, there will not be.

3. While we are of opinion that no plan can be adopted by the Conference that will apply equally to all parts of the work, and that we must rely chiefly upon the good sense and enterprise of the stewards of each charge, yet we heartily recommend the "envelope plan," which works admirably in many charges.

4. The Committee would suggest that in every charge all the expenses for the support of the Gospel for the year be aggregated, and then, as early as possible, a subscription be taken in the public congregation (or privately) to meet the entire amount needed; said subscription to be paid in weekly, monthly, or quarterly installments; and, also, that a report be made, before the congregation or society, of the several amounts subscribed, and of the amounts paid by each individual during the quarter.

5. We also recommend the readoption of the "Financial Plan" so long in use in this Conference, as follows:

(1.) It shall be the duty of the last quarterly conference of each year to fix the time and place of holding the financial meeting for the next ensuing year, to which the Estimating Committee shall present their estimate for the pastor's support. The meeting shall be composed of the preacher or preachers of the charge, the stewards, leaders, and Estimating Committee. The meeting shall then apportion the amount to the several societies within the circuit. The stewards and leaders of each society in the circuit shall be a committee to apportion the claim upon that society to the individual members. If the charge be a station, the financial meeting shall directly assess the estimates upon the members according to their ability, severally. Or, if any society prefer, the stewards and leaders shall see that voluntary subscriptions are made by all the members.

(2.) When the estimates are provided for by apportionment, the stewards shall ask each member to accept such apportionment, or a modification of it, if necessary, to be paid in four equal quarterly installments, before or at each quarterly conference. Such accepted sum shall be entered upon a suitable book, and collected promptly by the stewards and class-leaders. We earnestly urge these collectors to such diligence, and the members to such promptness, as not to carry embarrassing deficiencies from one quarter to another. As sons of Wesley, we should do this, as every thing else, "at the time."

(3.) The Estimating Committee shall consult the preachers as to the amount necessary for their support; and the presiding elder shall inquire, at the first quarterly conference, before putting the estimate of the committee on its passage, if such consultation has been had.

(4.) In the judgment of the Conference, the obligation to pay the preacher's salary in full is as binding upon the congregation and its indi-

vidual members as the payment of promissory notes in banks, and should be met promptly.

(5.) We earnestly recommend to ministers and members to take up the Conference collections as early in the year as possible, distributing them at proper intervals, so that they will not be crowded together or embarrass the close of the year.

(6.) The presiding elders shall present this plan to the first quarterly conference in each charge, and shall cause it to be read to the congregations of the first quarterly-meetings. And on circuits the pastors shall cause it to be read, as soon thereafter as possible, in each of their congregations.

Respectfully submitted.
R. R. MEREDITH, *Secretary.*

C. W. KETCHAM, *Chairman.*

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

WE believe the temperance reformation is steadily advancing to a triumph, which will secure all that is demanded by its advocates. It has made such progress within the last forty years that the sentiment of the Church and the general community will now sustain a strict administration of both ecclesiastical and civil law. It is high time not only to *pronounce* the manufacture, sale, and use of alcoholic intoxicants as crimes, but to *treat* them as such. To procure the enactment of prohibitory laws, and to enforce them when enacted, are among the first and most imperative duties of Christian citizenship.

But without consuming space with general statements, we respectfully submit the following resolutions, as expressing some of our convictions on this grave and urgent subject:

1. *Resolved*, That we deprecate the pernicious practice, on the part of physicians, of prescribing intoxicating liquors as medicines, except in cases of extreme necessity, fully believing that the result is injurious to the health and perilous to the habits of their patients.

2. *Resolved*, That we exhort all chewers and smokers to put away the filth and shame of using tobacco, that their example may no longer neutralize or greatly impair their usefulness in the drink reform.

3. *Resolved*, That every owner of real estate who rents or leases his property knowingly in the interests of the liquor-traffic, and every person who furnishes grain to the distiller for the manufacture of liquor, is guilty before God, and is *particeps criminis* with the vendor and maker.

4. *Resolved*, That we are grateful to Almighty God for the continuance of the "Adair Liquor Law" upon the statute-books of Ohio, notwithstanding the recent attempt to displace it, and that we will do all in our power to secure its enforcement.

5. *Resolved*, That the recent articles published by Rev. J. F. Loyd, on the important question, "Do the Scriptures allow the Use of Fermented Wines as a Beverage?" are such a clear presentation of the subject that we recommend their publication in temperance tract form.

CHAS. FERGUSON, W. A. ROBINSON, M. C. BRIGGS,
C. T. CRUM, S. B. SMITH, W. FITZGERALD.

REPORT ON THE OBSERVANCE OF THE SABBATH.

YOUR Committee on the Observance of the Sabbath respectfully submit for your adoption the following preamble and resolutions:

Whereas, Experience has stamped the Sabbath with incomputable value as a civil institution, and installed it forever as a fit subject for the recognition and safeguard of law; and *whereas*, where there is no Sabbath, there will be no living Christianity, and then the civil Sabbath will inevitably fall into disuse and contempt, and police espionage and the confessional usurp the place of conscience-power and Christian morality; and *whereas*, the world will not reverence the Sabbath till the Church evinces an enlightened veneration for its sanctity and a genuine delight in its services, nor "keep the Sabbath, from polluting it," until the Church with unbroken front shows them how to keep it; therefore,

1. *Resolved*, That the Church must have clean hands and a stainless record on this subject. For Christ's sake, her members must cease to encourage Sabbath-breaking at their camp-meetings, by opening the gates to whistling trains and rolling carriages, and by allowing soda, cigars, candy, fruit, and daguerrean stands within law-protected limits; at their homes, by inviting the rattle of Sunday milk and ice wagons, the shrill cry of the Sunday newsboy, or the down-lighting at their doors of the Sunday newspaper; by Sunday visiting or riding, by railroad, street-car, or otherwise, except in cases of necessity or mercy; by door-step visiting on Sabbath evenings, instead of going to God's house of prayer; by strolling about parks or fields; by suffering their children to run the streets or range the woods, instead of taking them to the sanctuary, as they vowed to do when they consecrated them to God in baptism,—in a word, by indulging in any thing out of keeping with the spirit and design of the day which God has made a sign of covenant between him and his people forever.

2. *Resolved*, That we will hereafter fully and faithfully bring the Sabbath, with its uses, abuses, and desecrations, before the minds of our congregations, and will unite with them and all other good citizens in every just effort to enforce the law of the civil Sabbath, while we gratefully sanctify and hallow the holy day in our own hearts and homes.

3. *Resolved*, That we hereby respectfully yet earnestly entreat all camp-meeting associations within our bounds to use their utmost diligence,—1. To prevent the running of railroad-trains, steamboats, and other public conveyances on the Sabbath, for the purpose of carrying persons to or from camp-meetings; 2. To prevent the sale on Sabbath of any and all articles, save meals at the regular boarding-tents; 3. To cause the gates, in every case where camp-grounds are inclosed, to be shut throughout the entire Sabbath.

W. FITZGERALD,

J. F. LOYD,

G. W. KELLEY,

JOHN PEARSON,

E. M'HUGH,

T. COLLETT,

W. E. HINES,

Committee.

REPORT ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.

THE American Bible Society is recognized, not only by the Methodist Episcopal Church, but by Protestant Churches generally, as one of the efficient agencies established under the providence of God for the moral and spiritual enlightenment and salvation of the world. The continued growing success of the Society in the publication and distribution of the Word of God can not fail to awaken gratitude in every pious heart to the God of the Bible. A few facts will show what was accomplished during the fifty-sixth year of the Society's operations :

"The receipts for the year were \$689,923.47; including \$361,274.64 for publications, \$39,510.84 from rents, \$140,212.49 from legacies, \$137,474.31 from donations, and \$11,451.19 from sundry items."

"Volumes issued, 1,100,871, including 921,389 from the Bible-house in thirty-nine languages, and 179,482 abroad; the latter representing about sixty different languages and dialects.

"*Entire number of volumes issued during fifty-six years, twenty-eight millions, seven hundred and eighty thousand, nine hundred and sixty-nine.*

"The gratuitous work for the year amounted in value to \$242,727.02. Of this sum, \$67,420.12 were cash expenditures on foreign fields, besides more than 23,500 volumes sent from this country.

"Number of auxiliaries reported as engaged in supplying their fields, 550.

"The distribution of the Scriptures in the United States during the year, apart from ordinary sales by auxiliary societies, so far as reported, is shown by the following figures :

Number of families visited	598,664
Number of families found destitute of the Bible	73,732
Destitute families supplied	41,459
Destitute individuals supplied in addition	17,391
Sabbath and other schools supplied	1,835

"To the distribution effected directly by the Society and its auxiliaries must be added the thousands of volumes circulated through other benevolent institutions to which grants of books have been made."

Our own Church has shared, to a large extent, in the benefactions of the Society, both in money and books, for the home and the foreign missionary field.

It is proper to speak of the labors and success of Rev. W. Herr, the agent appointed to the Bible work by this Conference during the past year, and this can not be done any better than in the following extracts from his recent annual report :

"This district of Southern Ohio remains in territorial limits as last year, embracing forty-three counties, with an increase of three new auxiliaries, making, in all, eighty-three auxiliaries, an increase of sixty-eight branches; total, 516; and an increase of 518 local unpaid agents; in all, 2,518, all under the supervision of five regular county agents, and six employed part of the year. The new auxiliaries organized are Blue Ball Female, Covington Female, and Brown Township Female; the former of Warren County Bible Society, and the latter of Piqua

Female Bible Society; and, with God's blessing, it is hoped these societies shall prove to be 'daughters as corner-stones, polished after the similitude of a palace.'

"*Personal Labors.*—My personal labors are indicated by the following summary:

Number of Bible sermons and addresses delivered.....	143
" official letters issued.....	771
" official documents issued.....	3,974
" miles traveled on official duty	10,729
" auxiliaries and branches visited.....	134
" auxiliary societies and branches organized.....	18

"*Co-laborers.*—I desire to make grateful mention of the efficient aid afforded by my regular county agents, Rev. Messrs. Scott, Fribley, Grover, and Cochran, and Mr. Jones, and Rev. Messrs. Clancy, Schoonover, M'Connell, Thacker, and Creath, and Mr. Orpwood, who have been employed parts of the year. Their work has been supplemented by the labors of 2,518 voluntary local agents, and has had the sympathy and co-operation of the clergy of the various Churches, and of the officers of auxiliary societies, in working out the following results of

BIBLE VISITATION AND SUPPLY.

Number of families visited	34,236
" families found without the Scriptures.....	3,954
" destitute families supplied	3,032
" destitute individuals supplied in addition	1,362
" volumes donated to "Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home," Xenia, Ohio, by Troy Female Bible Society	100
" Sabbath and other schools supplied.....	23

RECEIPTS.

Receipts from Churches and individuals.....	\$20,896 57
" " sales of books.....	15,219 43
" " legacies	4,845 74

Total receipts from all sources during the year\$40,961 74

"The contributions of Sunday-school branch societies were between one and two thousand dollars. It is due to add, that, had the treasurers of two societies in the district been prompt in forwarding their funds before the Bible year closed, the total receipts would have amounted to upward of forty-four thousand dollars, showing an increase over last year of more than four thousand dollars. As it is, there is an advance on last year; and when we remember the abounding sympathy and liberality of the people in behalf of the sufferers by fire in Chicago and the Northwest, it becomes a matter of devout thanksgiving to Almighty God, that the friends of the Bible have manifested such persistent fidelity and beneficence to the cause.

"During the year more than ordinary attention has been given in some parts of the work to the supply of hotels, infirmaries, common schools, and other public institutions, with the Bible. Recently the attention of auxiliary societies has been called to the work of supplying passenger and other railroad cars with the Word of God; and I am happy to say that the measure is regarded with favor."

"This work will be prosecuted until every leading railroad in the field shall be supplied with the Bible.

"The receipts from Ohio were \$60,742.03. Books sent to the State, 92,578 volumes.

"*Ohio stands second in contributions to the American Bible Society.*"

In view of the above facts, the Committee submit to the Conference for adoption the following resolutions:

1. That we rejoice in the growing prosperity of the American Bible Society, and while we are thankful to God for past success attending our efforts in behalf of the cause, we renew our pledge of fidelity in taking an annual collection in all the Churches of our respective pastoral charges.

2. That, as far as may be practicable, the collection for the Bible cause shall be taken in harmony with the time of the anniversary of the auxiliary society within the limits of our charges.

3. That we respectfully request the presiding Bishop to reappoint Rev. W. Herr Agent of the American Bible Society for the District of Southern Ohio, and Rev. J. L. Grover, County Agent of the Bible Cause.

J. F. MARLAY, *Chairman.*

E. F. HILL, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON PERIODICALS.

THE Committee on Periodicals would submit, as their report, the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That we recommend to our people a more liberal patronage of our Church periodicals, the *Quarterly Review*, *Ladies' Repository*, *Western Christian Advocate*, and *Golden Hours*.

2. That it is the sense of this Conference that our preachers should use due diligence, from year to year, to increase the circulation of our periodicals in their several charges.

3. That in view of the action of our late General Conference, relieving the Book Concern from a large item of expense, we would respectfully suggest to our Agents the propriety of reducing the price of the *Ladies' Repository* and *Western Christian Advocate*.

4. That we hereby pledge to our new editors, Drs. Wentworth and Hoyt, our hearty co-operation and support.

N. C. PARRISH, *Chairman.*

M. DUSTIN, *Secretary.*

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

THE Committee on Education respectfully submit the following report on the educational interests of the Cincinnati Conference:

Ohio Wesleyan University.

Your Committee were present during the examination of classes in the University at the close of the College Year, and desire to report that they found the institution in a healthy condition, and doing well the work

which the Church expects of it. The standard of scholarship has been raised so as to prevent indolent and unscientific students from entering the higher classes and graduating. The examinations evinced the fact that the Faculty have been successful in securing thoroughness in the branches studied. It is also a gratifying fact that a deep religious interest pervades the institution.

At the last Commencement, forty-seven young men were graduated, and a large number of these will enter the Christian ministry. This Conference annually receives accessions from those who come from the halls of this University; therefore we can not but feel a deep conviction that our Church, in this region, owes it a hearty support in the form of financial aid at this critical period in its history.

The Legislature of Ohio has granted the request of the patronizing conferences, and enacted a bill proposed by the Alumni, empowering them to elect trustees and visitors from their own body; and, in accordance with this provision, five trustees and two visitors were elected in June. This provision has secured a deeper interest in the prosperity of the institution among the Alumni.

The trustees have adopted a plan for the sale of scholarships, to secure to the University a larger endowment; and your Committee would recommend that this Conference give its approval to this plan, and heartily co-operate with the trustees in securing by this method the funds so much needed at this time.

The Committee recommend for your adoption the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That Rev. R. S. Rust, D. D., be elected trustee to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Bishop Thomas A. Morris.

2. That the presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. L. D. M'Cabe, D. D., Professor of Philosophy in the University.

3. That Revs. James Stephenson and J. Kendall be appointed Visiting and Examining Committee to the University for the ensuing year.

Financial Exhibit of the Ohio Wesleyan University, June 24, 1872.

I. ASSETS:

University grounds and buildings	\$130,000 00
Library, cabinets, and apparatus	27,000 00
<i>Permanent Fund—</i>	
Money on loan	\$133,175 00
Notes and subscriptions	40,000 00
Railroad stock.....	6,500 00
Real estate.....	2,000 00
In the hands of the Treasurer.....	5,611 30
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Total	\$187,286 30
<i>General Fund</i> —Notes, bequests, real estate.....	3,400 00
<i>Income Fund</i> —Cash in hand, and interest due.....	1,253 00
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Total	\$348,939 30
II. INDEBTEDNESS—Real estate.....	2,000 00
III. EXCESS OF ASSETS.....	\$346,939 30

From the Auditor's Report.

W. G. WILLIAMS,
Secretary of the Board of Trustees.

Cincinnati Wesleyan College.

THIS institution has just closed the thirtieth year of its history. Each year since its reopening, in 1868, has served to perfect the organizations of both the Academic and Collegiate Courses.

The *three* parallel Courses—*two* Classical and *one* Scientific—though somewhat differently constructed, contain about the same amount of science, literature, philosophy, and language, as compose the regular courses of our best colleges for young men; and young women completing either of these Courses receive the degrees of A. B. or B. S. at graduation.

During the Academic Year of 1871-72, sixteen instructors have been employed. There are seven departments, namely: Preparatory, Academic, Collegiate, Modern Languages, Music, Art, and Sunday-school Normal Department. About forty recitations are heard daily. The facilities in these seven departments are superior, both in the teachers employed and the modes of instruction used.

The Sunday-school Normal Department should be of special interest to the Church. The course of study comprises *one* year, and may be pursued by any diligent, earnest young lady while she is accomplishing her regular course of study. Already between thirty and forty pupils have been graduated from this department, and have become most efficient Sunday-school teachers in the Sunday-schools of the city and at their homes. The course of study is laid down in the Annual Catalogue.

The religious interests of the students are looked after with great care. Bible-classes, comprising all the pupils, are heard Sabbath mornings by the several teachers. On Tuesday evening a religious lecture is given, either by the President, a professor, or by some of the clergymen of the city. On Saturday evening a students' prayer-meeting is held. There have been a number of conversions each year. There is also a Missionary Society formed, auxiliary to the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

The number of students each year has been two hundred and thirty. This number should be swelled to three hundred, and more direct efforts should be made to fill this and our other ladies' institutions with the daughters of Methodism.

The character of the new edifice is now generally known to the Church. No other school-building in the Church is better, and it is thoroughly furnished and fitted for the work to be done. The property is valued at \$225,000. The trustees are among our best men, and earnestly devoted to the educational interests of the whole Church. The location is on Wesley Avenue, between Court and Clark Streets, and is among the finest and most desirable squares of the city. The college is ample for purposes of recreation, and is kept in most excellent condition.

The Board of Visitors take great pleasure in reporting the institution to be in excellent condition. The Board of Instruction is distinguished for ability, culture, experience, and success in training the young. Dr. Bugbee, the President, is an educator of rare ability, and the late examination reflects the highest credit upon his administration and the qualifications of the teachers.

Rare advantages are here afforded in Music, Modern Languages, and Art, and we commend the institution most earnestly to all our people

desiring to place their daughters where they may enjoy the best facilities for a solid and ornamental education.

We recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

Resolved, 1. That the presiding Bishop be requested to reappoint Rev. Lucius H. Bugbee, D. D., as President of the College.

2. That Revs. R. R. Meredith, J. W. Peters, C. W. Ketcham, O. A. Brown, Granville Moody, and G. C. Crum be appointed as a Board of Visitors for the ensuing year.

Hillsboro Female College.

WE find this institution to be in a healthy and encouraging condition. Its patronage during the past year has been considerably increased, and the prospects for the future are brighter than ever before. Its building is substantial and commodious; its grounds large and inviting, offering a quiet and healthful retreat for study to young ladies from both the city and country. Its social, literary, and religious character is of the highest order. The trustees have elected Rev. J. M'Dowell Mathews, D. D., President of the institution, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the resignation of Rev. David Copeland, A. M.

The following resolutions are proposed by the Committee for adoption:

Resolved, 1. That the presiding elder of the Hillsboro District, and the preacher in charge of the Hillsboro Station, and the stationed preachers at Wilmington and Greenfield be appointed a Visiting and Examining Committee for the ensuing year.

2. That we highly appreciate the laborious and self-sacrificing services of the Rev. D. Copeland, A. M., during his Presidency of the Hillsboro Female College, and that while we regret the necessity which caused him to retire from that position, *heartily* commend him to the Conference and institution to which he has gone.

3. That we welcome the return of Rev. J. M'D. Mathews, D. D., to the Presidency of the College, and pledge him and the institution our continued confidence and support.

4. That the presiding Bishop be requested to appoint Rev. J. M'D. Mathews, D. D., to the Presidency of the College.

Xenia College.

THIS institution, which is open to both ladies and gentlemen, has had a prosperous year. The buildings are ample and well arranged for school purposes, the grounds large and well shaded with beautiful forest-trees, and the location one of the most accessible and healthful in the State.

Experienced teachers are employed in all the departments. The advantages enjoyed by the pupils of this school, for the acquisition of a thorough musical education, are unsurpassed, that department being in charge of the Miami Academy of Music, located at Xenia, and one of the most prosperous and successful institutions of the kind in the land.

Professor Smith, who has conducted the Xenia College for a number of years past, is one of the ablest and most indefatigable educators in our denomination. Parents who put their daughters under his care and tuition may rest assured that body, mind, and heart will be well provided for. The boarding-house is as thoroughly home-like in all its appointments as the President and his accomplished wife can make it. No boarding-school provides better fare, or offers better facilities for outdoor exercise and recreation.

Special attention has been given in this institution to the training of young ladies and gentlemen for teaching. The Normal Department is under the immediate supervision of Professor Smith, whose thorough practical knowledge of all the details of the profession fits him admirably for such work. A special Normal Class has been taught in the college buildings during the Sumner vacation, and a large number of teachers availed themselves of its advantages.

We warmly commend the Xenia College to the confidence and patronage of the public.

We recommend that the presiding elder of the Xenia District, and the pastors of Xenia, be the Visiting and Examining Committee for the next year.

Resolved, That the recent efforts of the Alumnæ and other friends of Xenia College to pay the existing debt of the institution is deserving of the highest commendation.

Garrett Biblical Institute.

THIS theological school, located at Evanston, Ill., has been greatly blessed of God during the past year. In October last its chief means of support were cut off in the destruction of the Garrett Block in Chicago. Notwithstanding the almost certain prospect of little or no compensation, the Professors went bravely forward in the discharge of their duties, looking confidently to the Methodist Christian public for their support. Only to a slight extent have they realized this.

One hundred and eighty pupils have been in attendance the last year. Nine young men were graduated, and are entering the ministry in the different Conferences. In view of the emergency of this institution, and of its location in the West, we submit for your adoption the following resolutions :

1. That we appreciate the necessity of liberality on the part of the Church, that the salaries of the professors of this Institute be met, that the entire work of the Institute may go forward without interruption.
2. That the nearness of this Institute to our Conference, and the ability of the professors, as also its other facilities, make our patronage of it highly appropriate, and that we recommend our young men preparing for the ministry to avail themselves of its privileges.
3. That Revs. R. M. Hatfield, D. D., and J. F. Wright, D. D., be appointed visitors for this Conference.

The following resolutions are offered for your adoption :

1. That we earnestly commend all our literary institutions to the patronage of the Methodist public.

2. That we emphatically protest against our members sending their daughters to Romish convents, where their education will be inferior, and where they are certain to be won to the Church of Rome, or poisoned against the Protestant Church.

3. *Resolved*, That we recommend the formation of a Conference Auxiliary Education Society to the Board of Education of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

In pursuance of the above resolution, such an organization was made on Saturday, P. M., August 31, 1872. A committee on the nomination of officers was appointed. The committee reported the following brethren, as per requirements of the Constitution presented by the Board of Education for Auxiliary Societies, namely:

President, LUCIUS H. BUGBEE.

Vice-Presidents, { JAMES STEPHENSON,
GEORGE C. CRUM.

Secretary, JOHN W. PETERS.

Treasurer, R. S. RUST.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.—*Ministers*: L. D. M'Cabe, J. M'D. Mathews, Lucien Clark. *Laymen*: C. W. Rowland, Col. W. R. Warnock, S. M. Sullivan.

The Committee now ask the adoption, by the Conference, of this Education Society, as thus formed.

4. *Resolved*, That we are of the opinion that the growing needs and importance of our educational enterprises demand an educational anniversary at each of our Conference sessions, and that the Auxiliary Education Society be instructed to so provide.

5. That we recommend the appointment, by the Bishop, of Rev. Geo. Parrott as Professor of English Literature in the Indiana State University at Bloomington, Indiana.

R. S. RUST, *Chairman*.

L. H. BUGBEE, *Secretary*.

REPORT ON URBANA CAMP-GROUND.

THE Committee appointed to consider the proposition made by the trustees of the Urbana Camp-ground to the Cincinnati and other Conferences of the State of Ohio, having considered the object set forth in the communication put into our hands, respectfully recommend that this Conference appoint a special committee of two ministers and two laymen, who shall be authorized to confer with such similar committees as may be appointed by the other annual conferences within the State, upon the same subject, and to report the result of their deliberations at the next session of our Conference.

We desire, also, further to recommend to the Conference the appointment of Rev. Wm. I. Fee, Rev. Silas Bennett, Harvey DeCamp, and Judge I. Corwin to constitute the above-named Committee.

T. COLLETT, *Secretary*.

REPORT OF CAMP-MEETING COMMITTEE.

YOUR Committee appointed at Dayton, in 1871, to select, purchase, and prepare a Conference Camp-ground for the Cincinnati Conference, respectfully submit the following report:

We found it much more difficult to discover a ground combining the requisites of shade, water, healthfulness, and railroad facilities than we had anticipated. While many men imagined that they had the ground we desired, and every fifth minister had heard of a very desirable spot, we found, on inspection, that the imagination was less ballasted by judgment, and the information was less reliable than we could have desired. We believe we have personally visited every ground respectably commended to us, within the bounds of the Conference, at much cost of time and labor. The result of our efforts has been the selection of a ground located on the Little Miami Railroad, and conveniently near to the Marietta Road, at a point on the Little Miami River, between Branch Hill and Loveland. The grove is owned by two men, both of whom contracted to sell on very reasonable terms. Mr. Aaron Apgar, who owns the larger part, agrees to sell at one hundred and fifty dollars per acre, one-third down, and the remaining two-thirds in two equal annual payments, at six per cent. Mr. John F. Johnston contracts to sell at one hundred and seventy-five dollars per acre, one-fourth in hand, and the remainder in three equal annual payments, at six per cent.

The grove is located on an elevation perhaps eighty or a hundred feet above the river, with facilities for a broad and easy grade. The shade is high, and the situation beautiful, sightly, and salubrious in an unusual degree. The timber is young, vigorous, strongly rooted, and of many kinds. The river, fronting the grounds, and extending above toward Loveland, a distance, probably, of a mile and a quarter, is broad and deep enough for boating, and shaded on both sides. The two railroads, with depots on opposite sides of Cincinnati, cross each other at Loveland, and open up extensive and populous territories within convenient distances from the ground, thus affording very rare and valuable facilities of transit both to worshipers and to Summer residents. The soil and natural drainage are such as to forestall the necessity for artificial means. The grove is both ample and convenient for two encampments, one for the American, and one for the German brethren; so located as not to molest each other in their worship or their domestic arrangements.

It cost us no little time, labor, patience, fertility in expedients, and resolute perseverance, to procure suitable contracts with the two railroad corporations. The substance of the contract with the Marietta Road was early agreed upon. That with the Little Miami was very recently consummated. In procuring this contract, we have been specially indebted to the generous co-operation of Hon. Geo. H. Stuart, of Philadelphia; Mr. George Wolff, of Brooklyn, N. Y.; Chas. H. Wolff, Esq., Hon. Stanley Matthews, and Judge M. B. Hagans; of Cincinnati; and General T. T. Heath, of Loveland.

The terms of the contracts, respectively, are as follows: The first, with the Marietta Road, is perpetual, and binds the Company to convey material for public improvements free; passengers for half-fare, giving

out of that half-fare one-half cent per mile, counting one way, to the Committee; all personal baggage free; gives commutation rates to all persons who wish to spend the whole or any part of the year on the ground; and run no Sunday trains (under heavy penalty) without the written request of the Committee having charge of the grounds. The contract with the Miami Road runs for ten years, and binds the Company to carry material for public improvements free for three years; to convey passengers at sixty per cent of the local fares, giving ten per cent of that to the Committee; to convey personal baggage free; to give communers' rates to Summer residents; and to run no Sunday trains without the written request of the Committee having charge.

These terms appear reasonable and satisfactory to your Committee, with the single exception of the ten-years' limit in the second contract. This limit is not unusual in such cases, but we had hoped to overcome the law of usage and secure a perpetual obligation. The objection, whatever may be its intrinsic importance, is largely neutralized by the perpetual contract with another road, by the power which the Methodist denomination possesses in the state of Ohio, and by the complete control which the Committee will always have over the gates and grounds.

As the year lapsed without the actual effectuation of a purchase, your Committee deemed it suitable to the proprieties of the case, as well as to their own desire, to submit the results of their labors to the Conference, and solicit its united judgment and farther instruction.

The Committee, through a very able sub-committee, has devised a plan for a joint-stock association, the principal features of which are the following: It is proposed to issue stock to the amount of fifty thousand dollars, to be paid up as needed, and never to draw more than ten per cent, and that on the paid-up stock only. All revenue in excess is to go to such charity as the Conference may designate. The stock is to be assessed on the membership *pro rata*, when each charge, as such, can take its share, or permit individual members to take it, or remit it to the Committee, who will then dispose of it elsewhere.

What now remains to be done is to complete the work which your Committee has carried to its present stage of forwardness. To effect this—if the Conference desires to effect it with expedition—we respectfully suggest the appointment of a nominating committee of three, whose duty it shall be very carefully to select nine ministers and eight laymen, who, with the sanction of the Conference, shall constitute a committee to have the entire matter in charge, with adequate power to purchase and prepare the ground, and make all necessary arrangements for a camp-meeting next Summer, with the hearty sanction and co-operation of the Conference. Your Committee feels assured that great success and usefulness will attend the enterprise.

M. C. BRIGGS, *Chairman.* M. P. GADDIS, J. C. BROOKS,
J. F. LOYD, *Secretary.* H. DECAMP, DR. J. F. WRIGHT,
J. W. WEAKLEY, M. B. HAGANS, A. MEHARRY.

CHURCH STATISTICS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.												BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.												MINIST. SUP'T.	
MEMBERSHIP				CHURCH PROPERTY.				For Missions.				For Board of Ch. Extension.				For Freedmen's Aid Society.				For Education...		For Education...		MINIST. SUP'T.	
BAP'S.		Deaths.		Present Indebt- ees...		For Conference		S. Schools..		For Bible Soc'y.		Woman's Foreign Mis. Society.		For S. S. Union.		For Tract Soc'y.		For Education...		For Education...		Receipts.....			
Adults.....	Children.....	Deaths.....	Local Preachers..	Probationers....	Parsonages.....	Probable Value.	Churches.....	For Missions.	S. Schools..	For Bible Soc'y.	Woman's Foreign Mis. Society.	Total.....	For Board of Ch. Extension.	For Freedmen's Aid Society.	For S. S. Union.	For Tract Soc'y.	For Education...	For Education...	For Education...	For Education...	Claims.....	Receipts.....			
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Trinity.....	30	324	1	1	8	2	1	\$40,000	-----	-----	-----	\$132 80	\$276 03	\$178 64	\$454 67	\$132 25	\$108 78	\$41 00	\$1600 00	\$1600 00					
Astbury.....	10	144	2	2	6	1	1	100,000	20,000	\$650	200	110 90	920 19	400 00	1320 19	26 00	23 20	162 35	3500 00	3500 00					
Pearl-street.....	18	114	2	2	7	1	1	10,000	-----	-----	-----	63 00	131 40	124 75	256 15	85 00	20 00	4 25	-----	\$17 00	1770 00	1770 00			
M'Kendree.....	24	217	2	4	20	6	1	10,000	-----	-----	-----	38 00	91 40	42 82	138 22	21 00	5 55	6 10	-----	1060 00	1100 00				
Mt. Auburn.....		44	-----	-----	18,000	-----	1	-----	2,000	\$2,400	-----	80 00	133 00	61 05	194 05	-----	10 00	-----	10 00	1400 00	1400 00				
Walnut Hills.....	27	223	1	2	10	1	1	60,000	16,000	-----	-----	32 00	24 00	80 00	104 00	137 55	3 75	-----	1234 00	1284 00					
L. H. M. Mears Ch'.	6	27	1	2	21	5	1	20,000	-----	624	-----	182 00	353 00	-----	353 00	65 00	-----	40 52	\$3 38	4 31	1025 00	10 15	2000 00		
High-st & Pen. Mis.	46	161	1	2	8	19	3	13,000	-----	-----	-----	16 00	28 58	46 42	75 30	-----	9 00	-----	-----	1500 00	1500 00				
Grace Church.....	3	50	1	1	6	5	1	7,000	-----	1,000	-----	90 00	75 00	-----	75 00	-----	35 00	-----	-----	1250 00	1350 00				
Mt. Washington.....	17	147	1	1	13	15	1	10,000	1,000	-----	-----	28 50	46 45	55 90	102 30	20 80	20 50	-----	10 00	-----	10 00	1200 00	1200 00		
Madisonville.....	20	316	4	3	9	3	7	20,000	-----	525	100	80 00	90 00	75 00	165 00	-----	11 25	30 00	10 00	3 00	800 00	833 00			
Newtown.....	3	180	1	2	2	2	2	15,000	1,100	-----	1,100	46 00	72 25	72 25	72 25	-----	-----	-----	1 30	1700 00	970 00				
Milford.....	3	180	1	2	2	2	2	7,000	1,900	-----	-----	56 00	20 00	40 00	60 00	32 25	7 23	17 00	2 50	5 30	800 00	800 00			
Loveland & Main'ville	20	382	1	10	12	14	6	8,800	1,000	1,800	500	41 50	101 64	4 80	106 44	-----	14 00	17 15	7 85	840 00	840 00				
Butlerville.....	7	218	5	4	10	4	4	7,800	600	204	-----	34 37	61 34	2 25	63 59	-----	-----	-----	700 00	700 00					
Centenary.....	5	252	2	2	6	5	3	5,300	1,200	-----	-----	24 20	71 65	33 80	105 45	-----	7 25	2 50	850 00	850 00					
Goshen.....	9	203	4	3	4	7	5	5,500	1	600	50	13 85	55 00	-----	55 00	-----	8 10	6 00	700 00	700 00					
Miami.....	6	168	1	2	1	2	1	5,000	-----	50	-----	18 00	43 75	3 00	43 75	-----	16 00	2 50	11 22	922 00	922 00				
Morrow.....	166	1	1	1	1	3	3	5,000	1	800	-----	8 00	38 00	-----	38 00	-----	16 00	8 50	850 00	615 00					
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Cincinnati: St. Paul.	32	458	5	3	22	14	1	\$200,000	1	\$20,000	\$25,000	\$332 22	\$1497 50	\$505 82	\$2003 32	\$100 00	-----	\$137 64	\$17 00	\$43 00	\$98 00	-----	-----	\$4000 00	\$4000 00
Christie.....	100	496	8	8	18	8	1	35,000	-----	-----	-----	130 20	440 00	100 00	540 00	51 00	-----	127 50	12 50	13 50	1800 00	1900 50			
St. John's.....	12	268	1	5	7	16	1	50,000	-----	-----	-----	171 35	700 00	700 00	220 00	-----	-----	-----	2500 00	2500 00					
Finley.....	4	180	4	1	4	1	1	25,000	-----	500	-----	20 00	45 00	-----	45 00	-----	-----	-----	800 00	800 00					
York-street.....	20	280	2	3	20	30	1	40,000	-----	2,800	5,000	30 00	89 10	41 25	130 35	-----	-----	-----	1500 00	1500 00					
M'Lean Church.....	82	169	3	1	20	11	1	27,000	-----	500	5,600	25 00	13 40	61 60	75 00	-----	-----	1650 00	1650 00						
Fairmount.....	8	28	1	1	1	1	1	6,000	-----	-----	-----	3 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----		
Cummingsville.....	3	107	2	2	1	1	1	6,000	-----	-----	-----	1,500	200	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	600 00	475 00			
Spring Grove.....	54	1	1	2	1	1	1	3,000	-----	300	-----	50 75	91 00	-----	91 00	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1000 00	1000 00			
Lockland.....	5	186	2	2	1	1	1	2,500	1	2,500	-----	74 25	142 23	20 50	162 75	-----	9 50	-----	3 00	\$10 05	1200 00	1200 00			
Port Union.....	16	223	2	7	15	4	4	8,600	-----	-----	35 10	90 30	-----	90 30	-----	21 00	-----	3 15	764 00	764 00					

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CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.										BENEVOLENT COLLECTIONS.										MINIST. SUP'T.		
CHURCH PROPERTY.					For Education...					For Freedmen's Aid Society...					Claims.....					Receipts		
MEMBERSHIP		BAP'S.			Present Indebt- edness.....		For Missions.			For Board of Ch. Extension		For S. S. Union.			For Tract Soc'y.		For Bible Soc'y..		Woman's For-ign Miss. Society..		Receipts	
Probationers....	Churches.....	Adults.....	Children.....	Deaths	Local Preachers.	Full Members...	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Probable Value..	Total	04	
Laurel.....	50	673	6	2	6	6	\$10,000	1	\$400	1	\$221	04	\$217	75	\$10 80	\$7 00	\$129 00	\$129 00	\$129 00	\$129 00		
Amelia.....	62	567	6	2	7	1	20,000	1	1,500	1	217	75	133	00	217 75	217 75	140 00	140 00	140 00	140 00		
Batavia.....	38	488	5	14	10	25	17,500	1	1,500	1	133	00	65 91	133 61	7 00	\$9 50	3 50	\$3 00	\$18 75	750 00	750 00	
Williamsburg.....	29	322	1	2	6	5	3,800	1	1,500	1	77 70	00	69 00	69 00	9 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	10 00	575 00	575 00	
Marathon.....	25	268	1	2	36	32	4	3,000	1	1,000	1	119 10	119 10	5 00	20 20	4 00	2 70	2 70	650 00	650 00		
Bethel.....	100	330	6	3	6	49	4	6,400	1	200	1	75 00	75 00	5 00	6 00	3 00	6 00	6 00	1093 00	1093 00		
Feesburg.....	30	540	5	9	4	23	8	9,000	1	600	1	34 55	34 55	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	5 00	500 00	500 00		
Higginsport and Chilo.....	25	115	1	3	1	...	2	2,800	1	160	1	12 50	12 50	12 50	12 50	12 50	12 50	12 50	550 00	550 00		
Total.....	619	5330	43	74	104	286	64	142,500	12	16,200	7,173	1818 59	151 98	1970 57	82 80	63 70	41 50	43 20	80 75	5 30	12728 00	9348 2-

RECAPITULATION BY DISTRICTS.

SUNDAY-SCHOOL STATISTICS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

S. S. Journals taken..	Conversions this year..									
	Scholars who are Ch. in- ments, or probationers	Officers and Teachers	Officers, or probationers	Officers and Teachers	Officers, or probationers	Officers and Teachers	Officers, or probationers	Officers and Teachers	Officers, or probationers	Officers and Teachers
S. S. Advocates taken..										
Officers and Teachers										
Schools										
EAST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.										
Cincinnati: Wesley Chapel.....	1 19	204								
Trinity	1 33	350	150	150	50	220	800	250 00	100 30	28
Asbury.....	1 31	270	80	100	90	231	400	180 00	175 30	28
Pearl-street.....	1 24	250	80	170	50	150	150	150 00	21 24	40
M'Kendree.....	1 25	250	50	125	75	175	.....	164 00	150 24	30
Mt. Auburn.....	1 17	180	14	108	58	108	.....	100 00	50 20	13 2
Walnut Hills.....	1 41	280	.....						
L. H. Miss. & Mcars Chap.....	1 21	233	25	128	80	150	250	355 00	150 15	9 5 1
High-st. & Pendleton M.....	3 37	415	.....						
Grace Church.....	1 16	90	.....						
Mt. Washington.....	1 10	85	.....						
Madisonville.....	1 20	175	49	61	65	127	325	99 00	100 16	19 46 21
Newtown.....	6 54	414	300	144	.....	296	892	353 00	90 13	34 25 6
Milford.....	2 25	200	170	.....	40	.....	900	100 00	100	3
Loveland and Maineville.....	2 29	160	107	44	33	140	729	178 00	100 26	28 35 7
Butlerville.....	5 60	300	.....		20	.....	500	100 00	40	20
Centenary.....	4 50	231	117	62	17	145	500	35 00	60 18	48 89 18
Goshen.....	2 30	205	110	50	45	180	290	90 00	50	30 150 20
Miami.....	5 45	380	190	150	44	227	965	31 00	105	40 30 13
Morrow.....	1 22	158	65	55	38	123	150	134 00	100	17 17 1
Sharonville and West Chester.....	3 35	160	90	58	12	120	200	25 00	60	30 80 1
Total.....	44 644	4990	1597	1405	980	2881	9528	\$2660 00	2335 253	472 564 145
WEST CINCINNATI DISTRICT.										
Cincinnati: St. Paul.....	2 81	617	.....						
Christie.....	1 40	300	90	160	50	.....	1000	422 00	300 40	39 100 30
St. John's.....	1 40	312	75	177	60	260	800	390 00	100 50	40
Finley.....	1 32	376	97	203	76	247	500	.....	75 .....	.....
York-street.....	1 36	600	75	325	200	350	1000	850 00	350 36	36 130 50
M'Lean Chapel.....	1 24	346	100	160	86	175	400	111 00	175 17	24 37 25
Fairmount.....	1 10	95	.....		25	75	100	50 00	75 .....	.....
Cummingsville.....	1 16	120	.....		90	200	.....	.....	60	10
Spring Grove.....	1 12	70	.....		60	.....	.....	.....	12	7
Lockland.....	1 10	180	35	115	30	140	.....	84 00	100 14	17 21
Port Union.....	4 42	302	160	90	52	209	650	76 00	180 8	37 35
Bethany.....	3 45	344	.....		50	264	500	35 00	130	40
Hamilton.....	2 40	400	60	215	125	225	325	300 00	100 30	39 100 10
Oxford.....	1 22	156	60	70	25	120	300	100 00	.....	25 22 56
Venice.....	6 70	300	125	175	.....	260	700	175 00	100	50 100 12
Harrison.....	1 16	130	40	40	36	76	300	50 00	.....	10 16 40
North Bend.....	6 62	410	241	93	76	300	500	250 00	145 18	35
Cheviot.....	1 14	110	20	.....	75	.....	.....	.....	135	8
Total.....	35 612	5168	1178	1823	1013	3385	7855	\$3573 00	2200 383	385 666 177
DAYTON DISTRICT.										
Dayton: Grace Church.....	1 31	231	90	191	50	262	260	125 00	250 60	..... 31
Raper Chapel.....	1 48	480	190	170	120	360	600	180 00	225 50	48 80 22
Sears-street.....	1 15	180	30	130	20	132	100	50 00	100 9	15 12 4
Buckeye.....	1 20	200	.....		.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....
Davison.....	1 27	291	.....		48	191	350	.....	125 27	.....
Troy: Mulberry-street.....	1 27	291	.....		48	191	350	.....	125 27	.....
Franklin-st. and Tippencanoe	3 17	175	.....		.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Concord.....	3 21	167	70	70	37	107	779	28 90	80 6	..... 28
Miamisburg.....	2 26	193	99	49	52	157	350	118 26	410	24 40 9
Red Lion and Springboro.....	2 24	235	.....	2	45	220	200	143 00	120 .....	..... 130
Franklin.....	1 25	200	100	60	40	160	300	38 25	50 24	25 30 1
Middletown.....	2 31	122	59	89	44	180	338	208 45	175 49	25 45 1
Seven-mile.....	4 10	150	.....	60	15	.....	.....	20 00	75 .....	.....
Lewisburg.....	5 74	370	.....	71	248	360	100 00	220	.....	..... 5

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.													Conversions this year.		
S. S. Advocates taken.													S. S. Journals taken.		
Expenses of Schools this year.													Officers and Teachers mems. or prob'ners		
Schools.....	Officers and Teachers	Scholars.....	Scholars in Inf. Class.	Scholars under 15 ex-cept Infant Class.....	Scholars 15 years of age and over.....	Scholars.....	Volumes in Library.	Av. Attendance Teach-ers and Scholars.....	Scholars who are Ch. mems. or prob'ners						
New Paris.....	4	28	200	56	89	55	150	478	104 98	150	25	28	35	3	
Eaton.....	1	34	230	100	90	40	225	50	300 00	200	30	25	34	70	94
Camden.....	5	45	408	.....	.....	74	275	478	118 82	180	25	.....	.....	.....	.....
Winchester and Germantown.....	3	34	230	.....	.....	52	158	500	72 00	165	.....	.....	.....	.....	24
Total.....	40	510	4067	738	911	708	2675	4715	\$1892 68	2575	250	171	308	318	
SPRINGFIELD DISTRICT.															
Springfield: Central Church.....	1	28	200	56	89	55	150	478	104 98	150	25	28	35	3	
High-street.....	1	25	220	.....	.....	50	180	400	300 00	150	30	25	.....	.....
Urbana: First Church.....	1	36	300	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Second Church.....	1	18	160	.....	.....	120	250	52 00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	75
Piqua: Green street.....	1	25	323	.....	.....	100	.....	800	197 00	.....	30	.....	.....	.....	41
Grace Church.....	1	28	214	.....	.....	.....	264	.....	.....	100	20	.....	.....	.....
Lockington.....	4	46	306	98	61	11	205	200	15 95	64	20	.....	44	.....
Mechanicsburg.....	2	30	350	.....	.....	50	275	400	200 00	125	24	30	.....	.....
Catawba.....	5	78	400	150	175	175	270	700	.....	150	65	.....	.....	47	178
Moorefield.....	2	27	100	75	18	7	80	450	.....	25	.....	.....	.....	10	40
Tremont.....	4	47	428	178	185	65	280	300	33 63	105	.....	47	178	16	
Fletcher.....	4	46	233	150	133	33	180	699	95 15	110	48	25	10	40	3
St. Paris and Lena.....	2	30	207	50	110	47	150	.....	210 00	70	10	25	40	25	
Addison.....	8	95	655	495	185	75	500	800	216 00	125	.....	115	195	25	
King's Creek.....	5	60	570	.....	.....	.....	900	.....	30 00	40	10	.....	.....	4	
North Lewisburg.....	2	30	225	70	105	50	175	300	65 00	125	2	28	40	16	
East Liberty.....	4	40	225	.....	.....	.....	250	.....	40 00	100	19	35	50	25	
Mingo and Mt. Tabor.....	2	29	157	88	45	24	123	150	62 05	58	21	24	42	13	
Total.....	50	728	5273	1410	1106	742	2688	7341	\$1621 76	1497	211	470	649	237	
XENIA DISTRICT.															
Xenia: First Church.....	1	37	315	115	92	108	225	500	151 85	125	30	37	100	.....
Trinity.....	1	33	175	66	73	36	85	1000	46 00	100	19	33	.....	.....
New Burlington.....	5	20	200	25	.....	.....	.....	500	70 00	60	.....	.....	.....	.....
Waynesville.....	1	22	180	75	105	35	140	237	60 00	100	20	.....	.....	.....
Deerfield and Zoar.....	4	30	272	125	100	47	145	300	12 00	90	20	100	.....	.....
Lebanon.....	1	26	302	117	104	55	205	240	105 36	.....	25	24	.....	.....
Monroe.....	2	27	145	.....	.....	20	90	400	22 00	60	20	27	.....	7	
Old Town.....	5	54	365	160	187	18	200	1150	50 00	50	40	125	10	125	
Yellow Springs.....	1	18	130	.....	.....	28	80	158	52 45	50	12	.....	3	.....
Fairfield.....	4	60	325	120	80	60	290	625	80 00	250	6	.....	20	.....
New Carlisle.....	3	41	318	138	160	20	232	600	123 00	152	27	41	.....	7	
South Charleston.....	2	32	240	.....	.....	.....	500	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Brant.....	3	40	175	.....	.....	.....	200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Jamestown.....	6	84	665	332	273	123	436	976	160 03	314	16	.....	311	22	
Union.....	8	108	656	305	260	99	406	1815	85 33	192	10	81	308	67	
Raysville and Merrittstown.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total.....	48	632	4463	1578	1434	649	2534	9201	\$1018 02	1543	185	303	944	136	
HILLSBORO DISTRICT.															
Hillsboro.....	1	45	300	.....	.....	60	.....	500	10 00	150	50	.....	40	.....
Greenfield.....	2	34	310	75	195	40	205	350	40 00	.....	23	34	260	70	
Wilmington.....	1	22	250	75	95	80	150	200	150 00	100	18	22	50	12	
Highland.....	10	98	705	444	141	120	419	1000	50 00	100	35	92	300	50	
Sinking Springs.....	10	95	600	160	342	98	412	500	95 00	318	8	75	80	8	
New Lexington.....	8	99	566	236	206	124	504	1560	294 80	157	74	118	8	.....
Bowersville.....	3	38	269	111	125	33	177	20*	25 00	45	7	38	89	38	
Clarksville.....	10	137	672	330	186	96	469	607	97 05	197	30	123	253	45	
Lynchburg.....	8	102	605	252	193	160	489	900	63 20	125	18	99	268	49	
Sardinia.....	5	46	320	171	114	15	142	225	35 00	82	125	200	125	12	
Winchester.....	7	76	396	203	145	48	291	526	103 08	79	1	.....	.....	.....
West Union.....	4	30	160	90	40	30	75	200	.....	.....	28	100	.....	100	
Total.....	69	822	5153	2147	1782	904	3333	6768	\$963 13	1353	190	710	1718	332	
RIPLEY DISTRICT.															
Ripley.....	1	39	388	125	222	40	240	500	75 00	200	38	75	50	50	
Felicity.....	1	25	150	80	40	30	119	.....	30 00	50	10	23	40	40	
Georgetown.....	1	12	100	40	25	35	62	126	10 00	50	10	25	.....	9	
New Richmond.....	1	16	110	60	25	25	100	375	50 00	.....	12	16	25	25	
Decatur.....	8	85	620	300	200	75	370	900	220 00	179	35	65	179	26	
Manchester.....	3	29	309	185	80	44	200	250	10 25	88	28	100	.....	100	

CIRCUITS AND STATIONS.

	Conversions this year.											
	Scholars who are Ch. means, or probat. Mers	Officers and Teachers means, or probat. Mers	S. S. Journals taken..	S. S. Advocates taken	Expenses of Schools this year.....	Volumes in Library..	A v. Attendance Teach. ers and Scholars...	Scholars in Inf. Class.	Scholars under 15 ex. cept Infant Class...	Scholars 15 years of age and over.....	Scholars.....	Officers and Teachers. Schools.....
Moscow.....	4	65	448	232	162	54	435	1027	\$354 30	168	..	78
Laurel.....	8	108	941	.....	160	660	1754	85 50	117	..	..	100
Amelia.....	8	103	719	.....	92	67	1734	243 00	300	..	..	18
Batavia.....	9	120	800	.....	.....	.....	800	.....	.....	.....	.....	..
Williamsburg.....	2	39	233	106	100	27	173	787	54 95	75	35	32 96
Marathon.....	4	42	245	107	96	42	178	1035	22 11	72	..	33 65
Bethel.....	6	70	445	243	161	41	285	842	32 60	92	..	61 160
Feesburg.....	9	80	500	.....	40	400	500	75 00	211	..	75	100
Higginsport and Chilo.....	4	40	250	120	100	30	200	.....	.....	50	..	35 ..
Total.....	69	873	6258	1598	1211	705	3489	10630	\$1262 71	1652	57 474	1072 450

RECAPITULATION.

	Conversions this year.											
	Scholars who are Ch. means, or probat. Mers	Officers and Teachers means, or probat. Mers	S. S. Journals taken..	S. S. Advocates taken	Expenses of Schools this year.....	Volumes in Library..	A v. Attendance Teach. ers and Scholars...	Scholars in Inf. Class.	Scholars under 15 ex. cept Infant Class...	Scholars 15 years of age and over.....	Scholars.....	Officers and Teachers. Schools.....
DISTRICTS.												
East Cincinnati.....	44	644	4990	1597	1405	980	2881	9528	\$2660 00	2235	253	145
West Cincinnati.....	35	612	5168	1178	1823	1013	3385	7855	3573 00	2200	383	666 177
Dayton.....	40	510	4067	738	911	708	2675	4715	1892 68	2575	250	308 318
Springfield.....	50	728	5273	1410	1106	742	2688	7341	1621 76	1497	211	470 237
Xenia.....	48	632	4463	1578	1434	649	2534	9201	1018 02	1543	185	303 944
Hillsboro.....	69	822	5153	2147	1782	904	3333	6768	963 13	1353	190	710 1718
Ripley.....	69	873	6258	1598	1211	705	3489	10630	1262 71	1652	57	474 450
Grand total.....	355	4721	35372	10246	9672	5701	20985	56038	\$12991 30	13055	1529	2985 5921
Total last year....	361	4634	34465	7753	7708	5782	17977	64353	11517 46	13630	801	2254 5015
Increase.....	..	87	907	2493	1964	..	3008	..	\$1473 84	..	728	731 906
Decrease.....	6	..	..	..	..	81	..	8315	..	575	..	607

MEMOIRS.

REV. JOHN SEYS, D. D.

REV. JOHN SEYS, D. D., was born March 30, 1799, in the island of Santa Croix, West Indies, of a family that had been for many years resident of the islands, and that occupied many positions of honor and trust under the Danish and Dutch Governments. Subsequent to his marriage, and in the same year (1821), he became a member of the Wesleyan Methodist Church, in the island of St. Eustatius, a Church which at that time was deemed by the dominant race as only belonging to and doing mission work among the negroes; but, finding nothing like vital religion in the Established Church, he did not hesitate to cast his lot among these despised followers of the precious Savior, whom he had learned to love.

At this time, with the exception of the English missionary, he was the only white man belonging to the Methodist Church in the island, and

that, too, in a community from which his uncle, Governor Runnels, had banished the Rev. Dr. Coke for preaching Methodist doctrines to the negroes. We mention this fact simply to show how deep were the convictions and how genuine was the conversion of this young man. Soon, notwithstanding all the opposition of friends and the obstacles in his way, he became the superintendent of the Sabbath-school, class-leader, licensed exhorter, and, in 1825, local preacher; and, in 1829, he was ordained and called upon to take the place of an English missionary who had died in the island of Tortola, being the first white West Indian who became a preacher in the Methodist Church.

Circumstances, in this year, directed his attention to this country; and, with full testimonials and credentials from the chairman of the district, the governor of the island, and many other gentlemen, he came to the United States in 1829. Soon after his arrival, he joined the Oneida Conference, and was appointed to Ogdensburg Station, New York. From there he went to Canton Circuit, in 1832. In 1833, he was appointed missionary among the Oneida Indians. In 1834, the Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian, and Moravian missionaries in Liberia, West Africa, had all died from the African fever, or had been compelled to fly for their lives. Dr. Seys was selected, at this critical time, by the Bishops of his Church, to try once more to plant the banner of Christ in that inhospitable climate; and, if he failed, *the mission was to be given up*. He sailed for his post of duty as superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church missions in West Africa, in the Summer of 1834, locating at Monrovia, Liberia, one of the deadliest points on the coast, and which had been abandoned by all the white missionaries who had not fallen. The white man could not live there.

In 1835, he returned for his family, they having been left in this country, and in the same year returned to Monrovia, taking with him his wife and three children.

Having fully established the mission, planting Churches and schools at all points within his reach, he, with his devoted wife, both shattered in health, returned to this country in 1841, leaving four of their children buried in Africa. After his arrival in the United States, for one year he traveled extensively, visiting the Churches and taking up large collections in aid of the mission. Compelled by the ill-health of his family, in 1842, he abandoned his mission work, and was appointed to Wilkes-barre Station, Pennsylvania. In 1843, he was requested by Bishop Waugh to return to Liberia in his old capacity, the white men of his Church having again all died or been compelled to leave in order to save their lives.

In 1845, he again returned to this country, and resigned his connection with the mission, and, joining the New York Conference, was connected with various charges until 1850, when, still having the interest of the colored race at heart, at the earnest request of the Maryland State Colonization Society, he became their traveling agent, locating at Baltimore, where he remained six years.

In 1856, he came to Springfield, Ohio, having been appointed agent for the Colonization Society in the States of Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois. In the same year (1856), he was requested again to go to Africa, to select

and locate a settlement back from the coast, and away from the malarious influences of the tidal rivers.

This work he accomplished, after much dangerous toil and privation, founding Careysburg, erecting there, as the first building, a chapel, and calling, *every day*, every one of the inhabitants, colonists and natives, to prayer. From this time until 1870, he was almost uninterruptedly connected with the country and work in which he had spent so many years of his remarkably active life in one capacity or another.

As United States Agent for recaptured Africans taken from the slave-ships, he has had on his hands at one time, demanding of him food, shelter, clothing, and protection, four thousand of these unfortunates, and he acted at the same time in the capacity of United States Consul—the white man occupying this position having died.

In 1866, having returned to this country, and being desirous of devoting all his energies and life to benefit the race which, for over two hundred years, men of his own family had held in bondage, he took charge of Clark Chapel and colored school, at Nashville, Tennessee. Before he had been there one year, President Johnson—the white man having died at his post—requested him to return to Africa as United States Consul and Minister Resident to the Republic of Liberia. This office he filled with great acceptance to his Government and that of the Republic of Liberia, which most gladly received him as the tried and true friend of the black man, until 1870, when he returned for the last time to this country, to spend his declining days in the society of his family, whom he loved so fondly, and who now mourn their loss.

Dr. Seys, at the time of his death, February 9, 1872, was a member of the Cincinnati Conference, having been transferred to the same in accordance with the request of the Conference, expressed at its last session by a rising vote.

As intimated already, Dr. Seys died *at home*. This was a remarkable and wonderfully kind providence, in view of the perils to which he had been exposed by sea and by land—he had crossed the ocean twenty times—for half a century. But God, who “withholdeth no good thing from them that walk uprightly,” permitted him, after so many transatlantic trips, and after having lived so long in places where “destruction walketh in darkness and pestilence wasteth at noonday,” to return home, that he might fall asleep in Jesus in the midst of family and friends, and find a resting-place for his ashes in a Christian graveyard. This was not only a gracious favor to the sojourner himself, but a great blessing to the social and religious circles among whom he spent his superannuation and last hours. He gave to us the golden sunset of his heroic career. It was the *largess* of a good example, a holy experience, and a triumphant death.

As distinctive traits, the following will be recognized by all who knew our lamented brother, as a true, though faint, picture of him. He was a man of exquisite neatness and grace of person and manner. To him politeness was natural, and courtesy a spontaneity. He was gifted with handsome talents and a ready and agreeable utterance, while his soul was charged with impassioned feeling and sympathy. To this was added education, culture, and general intelligence. These qualities and endow-

ments of mind and heart made him a very successful minister of Christ. In social intercourse he impressed all as a gentleman of modest pretensions, refined tastes and feelings, amiable disposition, and a magnanimous nature. Envy seemed to have no place in his heart, and his lips were not allowed to breathe the mildew of detraction. His communications to, and on behalf of, his brother ministers were full of kindness and encouragement. As a man in trust, he was true and heroic. Like Livingstone, he seemed to delight in deeds of noble daring and bold adventure. Like Paul, he continually said, by life and action, "Neither count I my life dear unto myself." When he was sent as missionary to Liberia, it was generally understood that Africa could only be redeemed by an immense sacrifice of life. The dying words of Melville B. Cox, his predecessor and the proto-martyr, were prophetic: "Let a thousand fall before Africa be given up." When, therefore, Dr. Seys sailed for that malarious coast, it *seemed* that he deliberately sailed into the jaws of death. He had reason to believe he would be required to preach to Africa more by the tender eloquence of his grave, and the buried ashes of his wife and children, than by his life and lips.

As a Christian, Dr. Seys was deeply spiritual. He loved the subject and enjoyed the experience of personal holiness. Having a loving nature, full of tender sensibilities, his enjoyments were highly emotional, and yet deep, uniform, and constant. For several months before his death, Dr. Seys was a great sufferer, but he was enabled, by grace divine, to bear his sufferings patiently, and to rejoice in the midst of the keenest, "with joy unspeakable and full of glory." It was my privilege to be with him often during these months of suffering, and listen to his words of cheer and holy triumph. About an hour before the angels came for his spirit, full of glorious expectancy, I said to him, "What is now the outlook?" He replied, with all the emphasis he could command, "Bright, glorious!" The last intelligent expression of his life was, "Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me." The venerable Bishop Morris said at the funeral service, "I never saw a more perfect triumph over the terrors of death than was exhibited by Dr. Seys a few days since." Dr. A. Lowrey said on the same occasion, "His death-scene was a victorious transition into heaven." "Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ!"

S. A. BREWSTER.

REV. LEVI P. MILLER.

REV. LEVI PILKITON MILLER was born in Union County, Pennsylvania, January 8, 1809. His parents were worthy members of the Methodist Episcopal Church, and he was brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord.

In his sixteenth year he joined the Church on probation, and diligently sought justification by *faith* in Jesus Christ and the promised renewing of the Holy Ghost. The ensuing August he walked thirty-six miles to attend a camp-meeting, hoping that in the tented grove he would be

aided in finding him of whom the prophet spake as "the Healer." With blistered feet and burdened heart he entered the shade of the consecrated grove, with the momentous inquiry upon his lips, "What must I do to be saved?" But he returned to his home still burdened with his guilt and grief, a prisoner of hope, and could never fix the date or circumstance of his transition into the kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.

He was wont to say that his deliverance was like that of a man ascending a steep and rugged road burdened with a bag of sand, which, grain by grain, departed, till all was gone; and complete relief became a joyous consciousness, on that Alpine route where

"Ether pure surrounds us,
And Elysian prospects rise."

After this happy assurance of faith, and the accompanying attestation of the Holy Spirit to his filial relationship to God, he thirsted for Scriptural knowledge, that he might be prepared to proclaim the unsearchable riches of Christ to others, when God should open the way into that ministry to which he even then felt that God had separated him. He asked his father to give him the privilege of gleaning the wheat-fields, so that he might procure religious books; and after his daily work was over, he raked those fields by moonlight, to gather the means to procure religious books to qualify him for his life-mission. With these earnings he procured "Clarke's Commentary," that mine of Gospel truth, with which he enriched and prepared himself for usefulness.

In 1828, his parents settled in Ashland County, Ohio and encountered the trials of pioneer life; and, after a season of toil, young Miller returned to Pennsylvania, and entered, as a student, the academy in Milton, the county-seat of the place of his nativity. The principal, Dr. Kirkpatrick, was a scholarly man, and with him our theologue studied Latin and Greek, and the higher branches of a liberal education.

While he was at Milton, he was appointed a "class-leader," and received license as an "exhorter," and his profiting appeared unto all. His labors were signally blessed of the Lord, and the Church saw that he had those great marks of every one called of God to this honor; namely, "gifts, grace, and usefulness."

In consequence of failing health, he returned to his father's house, to die, as he stated to his friends in Milton at his departure; but the sickness was not unto death. The journey, home influence, agricultural pursuits, restored his health, and he made an unconditional surrender of himself to the work to which God had called him. He was licensed as a local preacher, and at the same time recommended to the Ohio Conference as a proper person to be received on trial into that body, by the action of the Quarterly Conference in Ashland, Ohio.

In September, 1830, he was admitted into the Conference aforesaid, and was appointed to Athens Circuit, under the care of that apostolic and saintly man, Rev. John Ferree, who left the impress of his virtues on the sensitive and impressible nature of this eminently conscientious young preacher. The following year he was appointed to Norwich Circuit; the ensuing four years were spent in West Virginia. He was then

successively appointed to Georgetown, Madisonville, Sidney, Chester, New Haven, South Charleston, Wilmington, Franklin, White Oak, Madisonville, Amelia, Williamsburg, Lockland, West White Oak, Amelia, Milford, New Carlisle, Raysville, Batavia, Madisonville, Miami, Jamestown, Moscow.

In 1864-5, he entered the army as chaplain of the One Hundredth Regiment, O. V. I., and accompanied the regiment to Nashville. Subsequently he served on the North-western Railroad, and afterward served his regiment in Columbia, Tenn. After fourteen months of service, he was honorably discharged, at Benton Barracks, St. Louis, and returned to his family on New-Year's day, 1865. He proved one of the best of chaplains.

In 1871-2, he served five months in the Buckeye Mission, in Dayton, with great acceptance and efficiency. He boarded with Rev. A. Bowers the greater part of the time spent in Dayton, and of his daily devotion and holiness of life brother Bowers bears fullest testimony. Last Spring brother Miller undertook to cultivate the small farm of some twenty acres which his wife inherited. With the noble purpose "to provide for his own house," he toiled along through the Summer. But he had given his strength to the cultivation of Immanuel's heritage, and daily manual labor proved almost as fruitless as it was oppressive. To brother D. C. Vance he often said, "I have to work so hard for a living that I am unfitted for preaching;" "I must keep along with my crop, as I am too poor to hire any help." While wearily toiling in his corn-field, some two weeks before his death, he trod on a sharp bone, which pierced his foot and proved to be the instrument of his death. Inflammation terminated in lock-jaw within a fortnight, and amid the convulsions of this disease he was wonderfully sustained; and,

"Serene amid alarms,"

he gave the clearest evidence of that faith in God which conquers all. Near the closing scene, he said to brother Vance: "I have attended my last Conference. Please express my respect and love for the dear brethren of the Cincinnati Conference, with whom I have labored so many years;" "Give my love to brother Moody;" "As to the future, all is bright." Alluding to the fact that some of his children were unconverted, he said, "If my children were all converted, I could ask no more; but, though my house is not so with God, yet he hath made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things, and sure; and this is all my hope and all my desire, though he maketh not my house to grow." Near midnight of Sabbath, July 28th, the last agony broke the silver chord, and his blood-washed spirit passed to that world where every month is Summer; and we know that he is

"Blest, unutterably blest,
Where the wicked cease from troubling,
And the weary are at rest."

Brother Miller was a symmetrically developed Christian. The great law of progression into Christian completeness was gloriously illustrated in his case, and compelled the universal commendation, "Behold an Israelite indeed, in whom there is no guile." The characteristic humility,

modesty, and conscientiousness kept his profession quite within the circle of his attainments, while the children of God

" Could clearly trace
Their Father's likeness in his face."

He was an amiable, faithful, prudent, magnanimous colleague, and a patient toiler in the Master's vineyard. He joined the serpent with the dove, and cast the sting away. His ministry was successful, and thousands will rise up and call him blessed.

In his superannuated relation, and in his commerce with the world, his garments were neither spotted nor sullied, and the weeping funeral throng of those in whose midst he had made his home for a third of a century, declared the high appreciation in which he was held by those who knew him best.

He finished his course with joy, and, having "overcome by the word of his testimony and the blood of the Lamb," he is now

" A pillar in God's temple fixed,
And to go out no more."

GRANVILLE MOODY,
D. C. VANCE,
A. BOWERS.

REV. ISAAC NEFF.

REV. ISAAC NEFF was born in Pennsylvania, September 9, 1824. He joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Palmer Chapel, what was then known as Troy Circuit, on the night of the third Sabbath of January, 1842, under the labors of Rev. A. Musgrove. He was appointed class-leader, October 21, 1845; was licensed to exhort, June 20, 1846, W. H. Raper, Presiding Elder; and was licensed to preach, September 9, 1848, G. W. Walker, Presiding Elder. At the session of the Ohio Conference, which was held at Dayton, September, 1849, Brother Neff was received on trial, and appointed to Ironton, as junior preacher. His next appointments were to Lewisburg and Eaton, in each of which he served one year. In September, 1853, he was appointed to Goshen, where he remained two years, during the latter of which he was married. He was married to Miss Jennie Bruner, who shared with him the joys and sorrows of an itinerant's life until God called her home. In the Fall of 1855, he was appointed to New Richmond; 1856, to Germantown and Springboro; 1857, to Winchester, where he remained two years. His next appointment was to Venice; here he remained two years, and where he was married to his second wife, Miss Parmelia E. Smith, August 23, 1863. His next appointment was to Harrison, where he labored one year. The two following years he labored on North Bend Circuit; Sharonville, one year; Lynchburg, the two succeeding; Sinking Springs the last two years of his life. He entered upon the last-named work with more than usual interest, laboring earnestly for souls. This labor was not in vain—more than two hundred were converted. During the Winter, little Charley, an only son, who had been an invalid for two

years, becoming worse, brother Neff always returned home from his appointments, riding six or eight miles after night service, to administer to his wants. This caused nervous prostration that disqualified him for labor during the Spring and part of the Summer. While our Conference was in session at Piqua, little Charley bade farewell to earthly friends, to join those in heaven. On my return from Conference, I found him sinking beneath the weight of affliction. Recovering again from the shock, he entered upon another year's labor, which also was a year of success. He also became an earnest seeker of the blessing of holiness; and, to the joy of his heart, on the night of February 14th, while all alone, returning home from his appointment, the great blessing came, and he was enabled to rejoice in a full salvation. After this, he spoke freely upon this subject, exhorting the members to take higher grounds, until March 12th, when, in the midst of a sermon, his physical strength gave way, and he was compelled to quit the field. From that time until his death he was able to preach but few times.

Brother Neff was an earnest Christian, always at the post of duty when health would permit. Although a timid man, he never shunned to declare the whole counsel of God. In his earnestness for souls he was often heard to say, "I never want to be a superannuated man; when I cease to be able to preach, I want to cease to breathe, and go home to rest." Inspired with this feeling, he often preached when truly unable. Prior to the last session of our Conference, his friends urged him not to take work, but to rest for a year at least. But his reply would always be, "I think I shall be able to attend Conference and take work." Alas! when Conference came, he was unable to attend. He had visited his last Conference on earth. On my return, he inquired of me about his work. On being informed that he was left without an appointment, turning over in his bed, he said, "What shall I do?" In a moment more, he said, "The Lord doeth all things well."

Disease had already fastened itself upon his vitals, and although suffering extreme pain, he would say, "All is well; all is well." In a few weeks after this, he was removed to Lebanon, where he received all the medical aid that could be given him, but in vain. His disease, softening of the brain, had already passed the skill of the physicians, and it was evident he must die. But this did not quench the pure love of God that flowed so freely in his heart, even when he was so near the river that he was unable to converse aloud. Brother Murray, Pastor at Lebanon, asked, "Does the religion you have preached to others sustain you now?" He whispered in his ear, "Yes." Reason now began to totter, and he was unable to converse more. His holy life and his last testimony are to his friends sufficient ground for assurance of his entrance into rest.

As the Sabbath was the day selected to join the Church, so also was the Sabbath the day when his spirit took its flight to join the Church triumphant, "where the wicked cease from troubling, and the weary are at rest." He died, October 29, 1871. He leaves a wife and three daughters, with numerous relations and friends, to mourn.

E. BURDSALL.

REV. JOHN SHINN.

REV. JOHN SHINN was born in Warren County, Ohio, March 2, 1824, and died at West Mansfield, Logan County, Ohio, September 26, 1871. His father, Wm. Shinn, removed, with his family, from Warren to Shelby County, Ohio, in 1834. Here for many years he was well known as a class-leader of excellent character and great usefulness. His children were brought up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. At the age of fifteen, the subject of this memoir united with the Methodist Episcopal Church as a seeker of religion, at a protracted meeting held near his father's house. Continuing earnestly to seek religion in the diligent use of the means of grace, it was not long until he received the assurance of the Divine favor, and had peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

A year afterward, he removed to Cincinnati. During his residence in that city he was an earnest and zealous Christian, and a useful member of the Church. He was called into the work of the ministry in the year 1853, and traveled under the authority of the presiding elder, Rev. John F. Wright, from Christmas until the session of the Cincinnati Conference in 1854, when he was received into the traveling connection. At that Conference he was appointed to Venice Circuit; in 1855, to West Union Circuit; in 1856, to Moscow. On the ninth of October, this year, he was married to Miss Mary C. Tuttle, of Cincinnati, who shared with him the duties and trials, as well as the joys, of itinerant and ministerial life, until he was called to his reward on high. In 1857, brother Shinn was sent to Sinking Springs Circuit, serving there two years; in 1859, Clarksville, two years; in 1861, Highland, two years; in 1863, Sinking Springs again.

Before the close of this Conference year, he went into the service of the Christian Commission. While in this work, in Georgia, he met, in the Eighty-Ninth Regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, a number of young men from his former fields of labor. Through the influence of these young men, he was elected chaplain of that regiment. He remained with the regiment until the close of the war. After the war was over, he was appointed County Bible Agent, in which office he served one year. In 1866, resuming his pastoral work, he was appointed to New Lexington Circuit, where he served two years. In 1868 he was appointed to Centenary Circuit. Here, on the thirteenth of June, 1869, he received his first stroke of paralysis.

At the ensuing session of the Conference his presiding elder endeavored to persuade him to rest a year; but loving his work and dreading superannuation, he was unwilling to do so. He was now sent to North Lewisburg Circuit. Here he struggled hard to do the work of a Methodist preacher, while his colleague, his family, and the people saw plainly that it was too much for him to do. His colleague, Rev. H. M. Currey, begged brother Shinn to let him do all the work of protracted meetings himself; and not getting his consent thus to rest, he would not let him know where and when the meetings were held. But brother Shinn would get on his horse, and ride about the circuit, hunting the protracted meetings, determined to spend his last bit of strength in the work of saving souls.

On New-Year's day, 1871, he received the second stroke of paralysis, which put an end to his ministerial labors. Yet as long as he could, by the greatest exertion and the assistance of others, make his way from his house to the Church, he was always found in his place as a worshiper. His organs of speech were paralyzed to such a degree that very little could be understood of all he would attempt to say. He was comparatively free from physical suffering until the last three weeks of his life, when he was confined to the house almost entirely.

On Thursday before he died, he was heard to articulate, with unusual distinctness, the words, "A brighter world than this;" and after a pause these words, "Jesus, Jesus, Savior!" Later in the day, he exclaimed, "Higher, higher!" On Friday morning, as his wife approached him, she heard him say, "Father! mother! angels!" A few moments afterward, he said distinctly, "Jerusalem." Several times he said: "Halleluiah! Glory in the highest! Jesus is worthy!" On Monday he exclaimed, "Mother! mother!" and these were his last intelligible utterances. He died at half-past six o'clock on Tuesday morning.

A marked characteristic of Rev. John Shinn might be described by a single term—MANLINESS. And yet this term describes but feebly that noble, generous, and magnanimous spirit which gave form and shape to all his words and actions. One who knew him, long and intimately, said, "A nobler man than John Shinn never lived." This was said by one of his colleagues. And it is fitting that we should say that, in the relation of a colleague, some of the excellencies of his character shone conspicuously. Willing and prompt to do his full share of the work, even the hardest part of it, he was at the same time generous and unexacting toward his co-laborers. Magnanimity, Christian courtesy, and true gentlemanliness marked all his intercourse with his fellow-laborers in the vineyard of the Lord.

Brother Shinn was a very kind and affectionate husband and father. Love, tenderness, and joy dwelt in his household. His home seemed like a paradise dropped down from heaven. One of his severest trials, near the close of life, seemed to be to part with the loved ones who were to be left behind.

For two years or more before his death, Brother Shinn was a constant and earnest seeker of the blessing of perfect love, and during that time, when able to preach at all, his preaching was almost wholly on that subject. He loved the work of preaching the Gospel, and even when completely broken down in health, he thought he ought to live and labor yet twenty years in the Lord's vineyard. The zeal of the Lord's house consumed him; but he rests from his labors and his works follow him.

MRS. CATHERINE LAWDER.

THIS gentle and sweet-spirited woman, who, for forty years, bore cheerfully the privations of the itinerancy, entered into rest on Wednesday, July 17, 1872. She was born near Mt. Holly, New Jersey, May 7, 1810, so that the days of her pilgrimage were three-score and two years. Part of her life was passed in the city of Philadelphia, where her parents

resided several years; but they finally moved to Ohio, and settled at the Rapid Forge, in Ross County. Here, before she was twelve years old, she was converted, and united with the Methodist Episcopal Church, under the ministry of the Rev. Henry Fernandez. For fifty years did this saintly woman serve God on earth, and in all that time her life was pure and blameless. She was married to Rev. William H. Lawder, February 9, 1832. None save those who have experienced them can ever know the hardships of the early ministers of our Church in the West, or how large a proportion of the burdens of the position fell to the lot of the wife and mother. That Mrs. Lawder faithfully performed her duties to her family and to the Church, is well known in all the fields of labor to which her husband was appointed. The care of five sons and two daughters devolved largely on her, in the necessary absence of her husband from home; and, as a true woman and mother, her first and chief work was in the sacred sphere of the domestic circle. Although the multiplicity of her home cares prevented her from taking any very active part in Church work, she was, nevertheless, a most ardent lover of the means of grace, and no one prayed with more fervor or faith for the peace and prosperity of Zion. Mrs. Lawder was a peculiarly sensitive and modest woman, and her piety was of the type that is seen more than it is heard. If she talked less than some do, no one ever more cheerfully worked and suffered in the Master's cause. She was a charitable Christian, always putting the best construction on the acts of others, though she would often write bitter things against herself. She was, in the language of her stricken husband, "a devoted and faithful wife, a tender and indulgent mother, and a sincere and abiding friend." During her last sickness, she was, for the most part, in a peaceful, happy frame of mind; but, about a week before her death, as often occurs with the purest Christians, she was sorely tried by doubts and fears. These fiery trials, however, could not shake her faith in Christ, and the clouds soon passed away. To her husband she said: "I rest sweetly in Jesus. He will save me. 'He saves me now! Blessed be his name!'" Soon after, as if she had foretaste of the coming glory, her countenance glowed with a serene, sweet joy, and she exclaimed:

"O, Jesus, what delicious fare—
How sweet thine entertainments are!
Never did angels taste above
Redeeming grace and dying love."

At the funeral, on Thursday evening, July 18th, which was attended by a very large concourse of citizens, every one seemed to be a mourner. She had evidently a very strong hold upon the affections of all classes, both in and outside of the Church.

"Thus star by star declines,
Till all are passed away,
As morning high and higher shines
To pure and perfect day;
Nor sink those stars in empty night—
They hide themselves in heaven's own light."

J. F. MARLAY.

MRS. LUCY PUMPHREY.

MRS. LUCY PUMPHREY, whose maiden name was Joseph, was the only daughter, by her first husband, of Mrs. G. W. Large, now of Yellow Springs, Ohio, and was born in West Liberty, Ohio, March 15, 1845, and after a brief illness, departed this life in Harrison, Ohio, November 20, 1871, aged 26 years, 8 months, and 5 days.

She was converted to God and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church at Yellow Springs, under the labors of Rev. M. P. Gaddis, Sr., in the Winter of 1865, and was joined in marriage to Rev. John S. Pumphrey, of the Cincinnati Annual Conference, October 11, 1866, and, with her husband, was successively assigned to Fairfield and Bethany Circuits, and to Harrison Station. In these she rendered herself very useful as organist and chief chorister in the Sabbath-school and in the public worship of God. Nor were these the only spheres in which her influence was felt for good; but at the bed of sickness, in the social circle, and in all the social means of grace, she exerted a mild and cheerful influence, by comforting the sick, lighting up the social circle with her pleasant smiles and her sweet voice of song, and bravely, yet meekly, laboring by the side of her husband in all special efforts to promote the work of salvation and urge on the triumphs of the Redeemer's kingdom. Such a woman gave promise of extensive usefulness to the Church, being in full sympathy with all its enterprises. This fact was clearly recognized by all the charges in which she lived and labored. Gladly would the people have retained her longer; for deeper and stronger became their attachment to her, as they became acquainted with the qualities of her mind and the genial nature of her heart. As an illustration of this, the official board of the last charge in which she lived, unanimously adopted and presented, on the day of her funeral, a preamble and resolutions not only of sympathy for the bereaved husband, but of their high appreciation of her piety and usefulness while among them.

Sister Pumphrey was not surprised by the approach of death. She believed, from the first attack of her last illness, that she would die, and so assured her mother, her husband, and attending friends. Though she suffered much, she was patient and triumphant; for her soul was trustfully resting upon its God. She seemed even anxious for the end to come, and told her friends on the day before she died, "If I die, all is well. My peace is made with God." To her physician she said, "I am going to die; but I wish it distinctly understood that I am prepared." Frequently, she said to her friends, "I shall go straight to heaven." Though severe had been her affliction and sufferings for several days, yet the last few hours found her on a more calm and quiet sea. The storm had spent its force; she had braved the fury of the deep; the wail of the tempest was dying in the distance, and she was permitted to gently glide into the harbor, fanned by celestial breezes, illumed by the Sun of Righteousness; and doubtless, amid the shouts of welcome by friends upon the golden shore, she was escorted to one of the many mansions in our Father's house above.

Thus lived faithfully, and passed from earth triumphantly, a loving wife and a devoted child of God. Though removed from the arena of

battle, she has not lost her interest in the contest; but, inspired by the raptures of personal victory and the cloudless visions of the Divine glory, she lives to mingle her voice with the shouts of the increasing millions before the throne at each successive conquest of our God. We may miss her here, but we'll find her there, while her active, though brief life, shall illustrate the Divine truth, "The righteous shall be in everlasting remembrance."

W. FITZGERALD.

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Mt. Auburn—Geo. T. Weaver.
Walnut Hills—W. L. Hypes.
Grace Church—O. A. Brown.
M Kendree—George H. Dart.
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Mt. Washington—M. Kauffman.
Newtown—T. J. Euans, L. M. Davis.
Milford—Wm. B. Moler.
Centenary—Carey T. Crum.
Loveland and Maineville—A. D. Raleigh.
Butlerville—E. C. Smith.
South Lebanon and Zoar—W. P. Jackson.
Lebanon—J. Murray.
Miami Circuit—To be supplied.
Amelia—E. F. Hill, N. M' Donald.
Laurel—S. N. Marsh, Ch's. H. Kalbfus.
Moscow—J. S. Whitney.
New Richmond—H. C. Middleton.
Higginsport and Chilo—W. J. Thurber.
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Christie—Wm. A. Robinson.
Finley—Henry Miller.
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M'Lean—E. M. Hugh.
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Cumminsville and West Union—J. S. Pumphrey.
Winton Place—J. W. Peters.
Hartwell and Carthage—To be supplied.
Lockland—S. B. Smith.
Port Union—Wm. B. Jackson.
Cheviot—R. L. Vickers.
Bethany—Wm. Q. Shannon.
Hamilton—D. J. Starr.
Oxford—T. J. Harris.
Venice—F. Hypes, John W. Sutherland.
Harrison—R. K. Deem.
North Bend—S. M. Edmiston.
Eaton—J. W. Cassatt.
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DAYTON: *Grace Ch.*—M. A. Richards.
Raper—Thomas Collett.
Buckeye and Dayton City Mission.
Sears-street—George H. Kennedy.
Davission Chapel—John T. Short.

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Franklin-st. }
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Addison—J. C. Deem, L. Young.
Concord—S. W. Carey.
Lewisburg—W. N. Williams, Charles J. Wells.
Winchester and Germantown—C. F. Gowdy.
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Lockington—Wesley Rector.
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I. W. WILEY.

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Black, J. G.....	Fairfield.....	1	Fairfield	Greene.
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Carey, S. W.....	Concord	3	Concord	Montgomery.
Cassatt, J. W.....	Eaton	2	Eaton	Preble.
Chalfant, J. F.....	East Cincinnati District	2	Miamiville	Clermont.
Clark, L.....	High-street.....	2	Springfield	Clarke.
Cheney, D. D.....	Supernumerary.....		Boston, Mass	
Clayton, S. D.....	Hillsboro District.....	2	Hillsboro	Highland.
Clemens, F. M.....	Middletown.....	1	Middletown.....	Butler.
Collett, T.....	Raper Chapel.....	2	Dayton.....	Montgomery.
Conrey, J. F.....	Bible Agent.....		Urbana	Champaign.
Conrey, S. F.....	Jamestown.....	1	Jamestown	Greene.
Conner, George J	Highland.....	1	Rainsboro	Highland.
Cowden, T. S.....	Hillsboro	2	Hillsboro	Highland.
Cramer, M. J.....	Denmark		Copenhagen	
Crum, G. C.....	Mulberry-street.....	2	Troy	Miami.
Crum, C. T.....	Centenary	1	Mulberry	Clermont.
Currey, H. M.....	Fletcher	1	Fletcher	Miami.
Dart, George H.....	M'Kendree	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Davis, L. M.*.....	Newtown	2	Newtown	Clermont.
Deem, J. C.	Addison	1	Christiansburg....	Champaign.

NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	Yrs in Apr.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Deem, R. K.....	Harrison	1	Harrison	Hamilton.
Dustin, M.....	Trinity.....	2	Xenia.....	Greene.
Edgar, G. M.....	Winchester.....	2	Winchester.....	Adams.
Edmiston, S. W.....	North Bend.....	1	Cleves	Hamilton.
Ellsworth, J. B.....	Brant	1	Brant	Montgomery.
Ellsworth, W. I.....	Superannuated.....	...	Springfield	Clarke.
Euans, T. J	Newtown .....	...	Newtown	Clermont.
Fee, G. W	Lynchburg	1	Lynchburg	Highland.
Fee, W. I.....	Green-street.....	3	Piqua	Miami.
Ferguson, C.....	Second Church.....	3	Urbana	Champaign.
Field, E. H.....	Superannuated .....	...	St. Paris	Champaign.
Fiddler, T. E.....	King's Creek.....	1	Mutual	Champaign.
Fitzgerald, W.....	Greenfield	2	Greenfield	Highland.
Gaddis, M. P.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Yellow Springs ...	Greene.
Glasscock, B.....	Superannuated .....	...	Hillsboro	Highland.
Gilbert, J. E.*	Asbury	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Gowdy, C. F.....	Winchest'r & Germant'.	1	Gratis	Preble.
Gregg, J. L.....	Feesburg	1	Feesburg	Brown.
Griffith, A. M.....	Union	2	Bellbrook	Greene.
Grover, J. L.....	Bible Agent .....	...	Columbus	Franklin.
Hamilton, A	St. Paul and Mears	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Harris, T. J.....	Oxford	3	Oxford	Butler.
Hatfield, R. M.....	St. Paul	3	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Hayward, D. L.*	Catawba	1	Catawba	Clarke.
Herr, William	Bible Agent .....	...	Dayton	Montgomery.
Hill, E. F	Amelia	1	Amelia	Clermont.
Hill, J. J.....	St. Paris and Lena	1	St. Paris	Champaign.
Hines, W. E.....	Highland	1	Rainsboro	Highland.
House, E.....	Ass't Editor W. C. A.....	...	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Hull, J. F.....	New Paris	1	New Paris	Preble.
Higgins, A. E.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Boston, Mass.....	
Hypes, F.....	Venice	1	Ross	Hamilton.
Hypes, W. L.....	Walnut Hills	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Hunter, J. R.....	New Lexington	1	Highland	Highland.
Irvin, J. N.*	Fairmount	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Jackson, W. B.....	Port Union .....	...	Springdale	Hamilton.
Jackson, W. P.....	Deerfield and Zoar	2	Deerfield	Warren.
James, E. P.....	East Liberty	1	East Liberty	Logan.
Kalbfus, C.....	Tremont	1	Westville	Champaign.
Kalbfus, C. H.*	Laurel	2	Laurel	Clermont.
Kauffman, M.....	Mt. Washington	1	Mt. Washington	Hamilton.
Kelley, G. W.....	North Lewisburg	3	North Lewisburg	Champaign.
Keck, H. M	Batavia	3	Batavia	Clermont.
Kemper, D.....	Superannuated .....	...	Lebanon	Warren.
Kendall, J.....	Yellow Springs	2	Yellow Springs	Greene.
Kennedy, G. H.....	Sears-street	1	Dayton	Montgomery.
Ketcham, C. W.....	Central Church	1	Springfield	Clarke.
Lawton, C. H.....	New Carlisle	1	New Carlisle	Clarke.
Lawder, W. H.....	Supernumerary	2	Waynesville	Warren.

NAME.	APPOINTMENT.	Year App'd.	POST-OFFICE.	COUNTY.
Lee, Thomas.....	Union Bethel.....	5	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Lowrey, A.....	West Cincinnati Dist...	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Loyd, J. F	Goshen	1	Goshen.....	Clermont.
Maddy, J. C	Superannuated.....	...	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Manning, J. T.....	Supernumerary .....	...	Miami City.....	Montgomery.
Marlay, J. F.....	First Church.....	2	Xenia	Greene.
Mason, J. W.....	South Charleston	2	South Charleston.	Clarke.
Mathews, J. M'D.....	President College.....	1	Hillsboro	Highland.
Maxey, W. N	Superannuated .....	...	Clarksville.....	Clinton.
M'Cabe, L. D.....	Prof. O. W. University..	...	Delaware.....	Delaware.
Meharry, A.....	Springfield District.....	1	Springfield	Clarke.
M'Donald, N.	Amelia.....	1	Amelia	Clermont.
M'Hugh, E.....	M'Lean Church.....	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Middleton, J. H.....	Georgetown	1	Georgetown	Clermont.
Middleton, H. C.....	New Richmond	2	New Richmon...	Clermont.
Miller, Henry.....	Finley Chapel.....	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Mitchell, F. G.....	Williamsburg	3	Williamsburg	Clermont.
M'Mullen, W. T	Batavia.....	2	Batavia	Clermont.
Moler, W. B.....	Milford	1	Milford	Clermont.
Moody, G.....	York-street	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Murphy, A.....	Superannuated .....	...	New Carlisle.....	Clarke.
Murray, James.....	Lebanon	2	Lebanon	Warren.
Marsh, S. N.....	Laurel.....	1	Laurel	Clermont.
Meredith, R. R.....	St. John's	3	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Mahon, Wm.*.....	Old Town	1	Yellow Springs...	Greene.
Ogden, P. A.....	Superannuated .....	...	Sidney	Shelby.
Parrish, N. C.....	Morrow	3	Morrow	Warren.
Peak, T. D. W.....	Sinking Springs	2	Sinking Springs..	Highland.
Parrott, George	Prof. Ind. State Univ...	...	Vincennes, Ind...	
Pearson, J	Waynesville.....	1	Waynesville.....	Warren.
Peregrine, J. S	Supernumerary .....	...	.....
Peters, J. W	Spring Grove.....	3	Winton Place.....	Hamilton.
Phillips, T. A. G.....	Superannuated .....	...	Springboro.....	Warren.
Porter, J. P	Manchester	2	Manchester.....	Adams.
Pumphrey, J. S.....	Cumminsville.....	1	Cumminsville	Hamilton.
Purkhiser, M. G.....	Supernumerary.....	...	Hillsboro	Highland.
Prince, N	Sharonv'e & W. Chester.	1	Sharonville.....	Hamilton.
Quarry, W. J.....	Decatur	2	Decatur.....	Brown.
Raleigh, A. D.....	Loveland & Maineville..	1	Loveland	Clermont.
Rector, Wesley*.....	Lockington.....	2	Lockington	Shelby.
Richards, M. A.....	Grace Church	1	Dayton	Montgomery.
Robinson, J. M.....	Mingo and Tabor	1	Mingo	Champaign.
Robinson, W. A.....	Christie Chapel.....	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Routledge, W.....	Superannuated.....	...	Mulberry	Clermont.
Runyan, W	Wilmington	2	Wilmington	Clinton.
Rust, R. S.....	C. S. Freed. Aid Society.	...	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Ross, D. V.*.....	Sinking Springs.....	1	Sinking Springs..	Highland.
Jos. A. Reeder.....	Superannuated.....	...	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Stokes, H.....	New Burlington.....	2	New Burlington...	Clinton.
Sargent, D. H	Supernumerary.....	...	Lebanon.....	Warren.

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Shannon, W. Q.....	Bethany.....	1	Bethany	Butler.
Shultz, J. P.....	Miamisburg.....	3	Miamisburg	Montgomery.
Shultz, J. M'K.....	New Lexington.....	1	Highland	Highland.
Short, J. T.*.....	Davison Chapel.....	1	Dayton	Montgomery.
Simmons, W.....	Agt. Freed. Aid Society.		Xenia.....	Greene.
Smith, S. B.....	Lockland	1	Lockland	Hamilton.
Smith, R. E.....	Bethel.....	3	Bethel	Clermont.
Smith, E. C.....	Butlerville	2	Butlerville	Warren.
Smith, W. H.*.....	Camden	1	Camden	Preble.
Spahr, A. N.....	Wesley	3	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Starr, D. J.....	Hamilton	3	Hamilton	Butler.
Stephenson, J.....	First Church.....	3	Urbana.....	Champaign.
Sutherland, W. H.....	Ripley	3	Ripley.....	Brown.
Sutherland, J. W.*...	Venice	1	Ross	Hamilton.
Thurber, W. J.....	Higginsport	1	..... .....
Tibbits, A. W.....	King's Creek.....	1	Mutual	Champaign.
Vance, D. C.....	Madisonville	3	Madisonville	Hamilton.
Vance, John.....	Catawba	1	Catawba	Clark.
Van Cleve, L. F.....	Agt. O. W. University.	1	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Verity, J.....	Union	2	Spring Valley....	Greene.
Walden, J. M.....	Book Agent.....		Chicago, Ill.....	
Warnock, D.....	Supernumerary		Urbana	Champaign.
Weakley, J. W.....	Dayton District.....	2	Dayton.....	Montgomery.
Weaver, G. T.....	Mt. Auburn.....	2	Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Webster, W.....	Superannuated		South Charleston.	Clark.
Weeks, S.....	Felicity	3	Felicity	Clermont.
Wells, E. T.....	Mechanicsburg.....	2	Mechanicsburg....	Champaign.
Whitmer, D.....	Jamestown	1	Jamestown	Greene.
Whitney, J. S.....	Moscow	2	Bantam	Clermont.
Williams, W. N.....	Lewisburg	2	Brookville	Montgomery.
Wambaugh, A. B....	Agt. Prs. Relief Society.	1	Cincinnati.....	Hamilton.
Wright, J. F.....	Conf. Evangelist.....		Cincinnati	Hamilton.
Wilson, John	Seven-mile	1	Seven-mile	Butler.
Wells, C. J.....	Lewisburg	1	Lewisburg	Preble.
Young, Wm.....	Red Lion & Springboro.	2	Springboro	Warren.
Zink, M. P.....	Clarksville.....	2	Clarksville	Clinton.

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ASKEW, ROBERT, Columbia, Hamilton co., O.
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 BLACKBURN, JOSEPH, Lebanon, Warren co., O.
 COOK, W. H., Cincinnati, O.
 CARR, WILLIAM, Owensville, Clermont co., O.
 CALHOUN, JUDSON, Mt. Pisgah, Clermont co., O.
 COX, EDWARD, Pt. Pleasant, Clermont co., O.
 DEGRAW, D., Cincinnati, O.
 DAILY, N., Bantam, Clermont co., O.
 EWELL, H. A., Cincinnati, O.
 EWELL, W. H. S., Cincinnati, O.
 FEE, WM., Laurel, Clermont co., O.
 GARLAND, B., Milford, Clermont co., O.
 GEST, JOHN, Withamsville, Clermont co., O.
 GOWDY, T. C., New Richmond, Clermont co., O.
 HILL, SAMUEL, Owensville, Clermont co., O.
 HILL, HEZEKIAH, Owensville, Clermont co., O.
 HAGERMAN, R. S., Montgomery, Hamilton co., O.
 KIMBALL, ISAAC, Cincinnati, O.
 KUGLER, M. M., Belfast, Clermont co., O.
 LEEVER, H. W., Miamiville, Clermont co., O.
 M'CLAIN, A. S., Laurel, Clermont co., O.
 M'CLAIN, JOHN, Nicholasville, Clermont co., O.
 M'MATH, JAMES, Moscow, Clermont co., O.
 M'CORMICK, F. A., Belfast, Clermont co., O.
 MALMSBURY, J. M., Montgom'y, Hamilton co., O.
 MASON, C. W., Cincinnati, O.
 MELVILLE, JAMES, Neville, O.
 NEWLOVE, J., Loveland, Clermont co., O.
 PRICE, W. W., New Richmond, Clermont co., O.
 PIERCE, W. R., New Richmond, Clermont co., O.

REYNOLDS, H. S., Bethel, Clermont co., O.
 SHALLCROSS, C. C., Mt. Washington, Hamilton co., O.
 SCHWARTZ, LEONARD, Avondale, Hamilton co., O.
 STUNTZ, C. R., Milford, Clermont co., O.
 SELLERS, ADAM, Lebanon, Warren co., O.
 THOMPSON, E. B., Miamiville, Hamilton co., O.
 WOLFF, L. W., Cincinnati, O.
 WALKER, C. S., New Richmond, Clermont co., O.
 WRIGHT, H. R., Pleasant Ridge, Hamilton co., O.
 WITHAM, HENRY, Delaware, Delaware co., O.
 ZIMMERMAN, E., Owensville, Clermont co., O.

West Cincinnati District.

BOLTON, J. C., Collinsville, Preble co., O.
 CUNNING, JAMES, JR., Cincinnati, O.
 DAVIS, W. B., Cincinnati, O.
 FORBUS, J. F., Cincinnati, O.
 GETCHELL, Z., Cincinnati, O.
 GRENNAN, L. E., Oxford, Butler co., O.
 HOPKINS, J. W., Cincinnati, O.
 HAMMELL, G. M., Cincinnati, O.
 HARRELL, HARRISON, Cleves, Hamilton co., O.
 HUGHES, WM., Collinsville, Preble co., O.
 JOHNSON, HIRAM, Eaton, Preble co., O.
 KENNEDY, J. H., Cleves, Hamilton co., O.
 KEELING, A. W., Dunlap, Hamilton co., O.
 LONG, ALEX., Cincinnati, O.
 LOCKE, W. W., Lockland, Hamilton co., O.
 LOGUE, WM., Somerville, Butler co., O.
 LIND, THS. N., Cleves, Hamilton co., O.
 M'CLUNG, JNO., Bethany, Butler co., O.
 M'CORD, WM., Oxford, Butler co., O.
 ROBINSON, B., Cincinnati, O.
 RUSSELL, JNO., Lockland, Hamilton co., O.
 SIMONSON, JESSE, Camden, Preble co., O.
 STEWART, THOS., Sharonville, Hamilton co., O.

SHUTE, R. C., New Westville, Preble co., O.
 SCOTT, ALEX., Cincinnati, O.
 TAYLOR, B. E., Cincinnati, O.
 VIGEON, R., Cincinnati, O.
 WESCO, A. Seven-mile, Butler co., O.
 WHITTAKER, JOHN, Camden, Preble co., O.
 WARRINGTON, GEO., Cincinnati, O.
 WELK, ISAAC N., Bethany, Butler co., O.
 WATERHOUSE, J. P., (M. D.,) Bevis, Hamilton co., O.

Dayton District.

BOSWELL, JOHN, New Carlisle, Clarke co., O.
 BRECKENRIDGE, H. H., Dayton, Montgomery co., O.
 BYRKETT, —, Troy, Miami co., O.
 CHAPEL, ROBERT Piqua, Miami co., O.
 CARRINGTON, J. W., Fairfield, Greene co., O.
 CASTLE, J. R., Piqua, Miami co., O.
 ELLINGER, J., Dayton, Montgomery co., O.
 ELLIS, S. H., Springboro, Warren co., O.
 GARVER, B. C., New Carlisle, Clarke co., O.
 HOPKINS, JACOB S., Springboro, Warren co., O.
 HILL, W. T., Enon, Clarke co., O.
 HORNADAY, NATHAN, West Elkton, Preble co., O.
 LOCKE, W. W., New Carlisle, Clarke co., O.
 M'GUIRE, CHAS., New Carlisle, Clarke co., O.
 MAGINNES, CHARLES, New Carlisle, Clarke co., O.
 OVERPECK, JNO. M., Gratis, Preble co., O.
 PETTIT, SAM'L, Piqua, Miami co., O.
 POLLING, W. B., Osborn, Greene co., O.
 PAIN, J. H., Middletown, Butler co., O.
 RAYNER, JNO., Piqua, Miami co., O.
 RAYNER, WM., Piqua, Miami co., O.
 SMITH, D. M., Conover, Miami co., O.
 SCOTT, SAMUEL, Dayton, Motgomery co., O.
 STALEY, D. R., Dayton, Montgomery co., O.
 STALEY, D., Miamisburg, Montgomery co., O.
 THOMAS, LEVI, Gordon, Darke co., O.
 VAUGHN, HARRISON, Dayton, Montgomery co., O.

WILLIAMS, A., Troy, Miami co., O.
 WONES, TIM' THY, New Carlisle, Clarke co., O.

Springfield District.

AUSTIN, C., East Liberty, Logan co., O.
 BRECKENRIDGE, —, Morrow, Warren co., O.
 BUXTON, WILLIAM, Bellbrook, Greene co., O.
 BEACHHAM, THOMAS, Xenia, Greene co., O.
 BOMGARDNER, H., Catawba, Clarke co., O.
 CURL, WM., Mechanicsburg, Champaign co., O.
 COCHRAN, SAMU'L, Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 DEUEL, A. C., Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 DELAY, D. W., South Charleston, Clarke co., O.
 DUDLEY, JNO. W., Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 DEBAR, T. J., Bellbrook, Greene co., O.
 GRAHAM, A., Calebtown, Champaign co., O.
 GUNN, J. W., Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 GEHMAN, B. W., Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 GREENSWARD, M. P., Morrow, Warren co., O.
 HAUCK, JOHN, Waynesville, Warren co., O.
 HARRISON, PETER, New Burlington, Clinton co., O.
 HOPKINS, E. H., St. Paris, Champaign co., O.
 HALLER, WM., Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 JORDAN, M. A., St. Paris, Champaign co., O.
 KIMBER, E., Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 LANMAN, G. A., Xenia, Greene co., O.
 LEEVER, FRANK, Morrow, Warren co., O.
 M'DANIEL, JAS., Xenia, Greene co., O.
 M'LAIN, —, Xenia, Greene co., O.
 MISKEY, J. A., Spring Valley, Greene co., O.
 MORRIS, R. W., Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 OWEN, E., Springfield, Clarke co., O.
 PIERCE, E. L., Calebtown, Champaign co., O.
 REEVES, ROBT., New Burlington, Clinton co., O.

RANDALL, D. H., Vienna X Roads, O.
 SMITH, W. G. Jamestown, Greene co., O.
 SMITH, JACOB C., New Jasper, Greene co., O.
 SPAHR, GIDEON, Cedarville, Greene co., O.
 SMITH, J. W., Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 SMITH, W. J., Jamestown, Greene co., O.
 SAMPSON, WM., Urbana, Champaign co., O.
 SMITH, JACOB C., New Jasper, Greene co., O.
 TURNER, C., Jamestown, Greene co., O.
 TULLEYS, E., Yellow Springs, Greene co., O.
 WILLIAMS, WILLIAM, Mechanicsburg, Champaign co., O.
 WHITLOCK, —, St. Paris, Champaign co., O.
 ZENTMIRE, SAM'L, Waynesville, Warren co., O.

Hillsboro District.

ANDERSON, S. T., Hillsboro, Highland co., O.
 AUSTIN, S. S., Clarksville, Clinton co., O.
 AUSTIN, D. S., Clarksville, Clinton co., O.
 BARBER, W. S., Felicity, Clermont co., O.
 BURKITT, J., Goshen, Clermont co., O.
 BURDSALL, J. W., Marathon, Clermont co., O.
 BLOOMHOFF, J. P., Bradyville, Adams co., O.
 BEHYMER, T., Martinsville, Clinton co., O.
 BOWERS, C. C., New Vienna, Clinton co., O.
 BEARD, L. T., Sugar-tree Ridge, Highland co., O.
 BURBA, S., Emerald, Adams co., O.
 BROWN, HENRY, May Hill, Adams co., O.
 BROWN, J. H. D., Scott P. O., O.
 CHENEY, M. H., Clarksville, Clinton co., O.
 COLE, W. H., Wilmington, Clinton co., O.
 CADWALLADER, J., Lynchburg, Highland co., O.
 DOLE, E. S., Batavia, Clermont co., O.
 DAVIS, JOHN, Rainshoro, O.
 DAY, L., Felicity, Clermont co., O.
 DOLE, E. S., Bethel, Clermont co., O.
 DAILY, D., Feesburg, Brown co., O.

DURHAM, S. E., Bethel, Clermont co., O.
 DURHAM, JOHN, Bethel, Clermont co., O.
 ELLIOTT, WM., Sinking Springs, Highland co., O.
 EASTON, EDWARD, Sinking Springs, Highland co., O.
 FULTON, ROBT., Lynchburg, Highland co., O.
 GRANGE, THOMAS, Bethel, Clermont co., O.
 GADDIS, D. H., Ripley, Brown co., O.
 GRIFFITH, WM., Marshall, Highland co., O.
 GRIFFITH, R., Marshall, Highland co., O.
 GRIFFITH, DANIEL, Sinking Springs, Highland co., O.
 HIGHT, A., Sinking Springs, Highland co., O.
 HOLMES, WILLIAM, Memphis, Clinton co., O.
 HAYWARD, DAN., Georgetown, Brown co., O.
 HARDING, G. W., Manchester, Adams co., O.
 HUGH, W. S., Leesburg, O.
 JOHNSON, JACOB, Bowersville, Greene co., O.
 KING, S. V., Highland, Highland co., O.
 KENNEDY, G. F., Ripley, Brown co., O.
 KENNEDY, S M., Ripley, Brown co., O.
 LONG, JOSEPH, Dela Palma, O.
 LOYD, T. T., Hillsboro, Highland co., O.
 MOORE, R. I., Georgetown, O.
 LYTHE, SAMUEL, Manchester, Adams co., O.
 MORROW, G. M., Clarksville, Clinton co., O.
 MANKER, Z., Mowrystown, O.
 MINAUGH, G. M., Ripley, Brown co., O.
 MEDARIS, L. H., Owensville, Clermont co., O.
 M'ADAMS, S. J., Dunbarton, Adams co., O.
 M'COLM, D. A., Dunkinsville, Adams co., O.
 M'COLM, J. F., Bentonville, Adams co., O.
 M'NEILAN, THOS., Bethel, Clermont co., O.
 M'NEILAN, W., West Union, Adams co., O.
 MIDDLETON, JAMES, Greenfield, Highland co., O.
 MADDOX, ALLEN, New Petersburg, Highland co., O.
 MADDUX, T., Bradyville, Adams co., O.
 MOORE, P. S., Georgetown, Brown co., O.

OLDACRE, J. W., Russell Station, Highland co., O.	SWING, GEO. W., Bethel, Clermont co., O.
PALMER, GEORGE, Emerald, Adams co., O.	SHETTERLY, G., Goshen, Clermont co., O.
PARKER, ELISHA, Wilmington, Clinton co., O.	SWEET, S. R., Goshen, Clermont co., O.
PORTER, WM., Georgetown, Brown co., O.	THOMPSON, J. H., Newtonville, Clermont co., O.
RAPP, J. F., Owensville, Clermont co., O.	THOROMAN, S., Dunkinsville, Adams co., O.
ROSS, D., Batavia, Clermont co., O.	WEEKS. WILLIAM, Mt. Oreb, Brown co., O.
ROSS, O. C., Ripley, Brown co., O.	WHITNEY, J. S., Aberdeen, Brown co., O.
ROBINSON, C., Batavia, Clermont co., O.	WATSON, W. B., Bentonville, Adams co., O.
REDKEY, MARTIN, Rainesboro, Highland co., O.	WARD, SIMON, (colored,) Clarksville, Clinton co., O.
RAMSEY, R., Scott, Adams co., O.	WRIGHT, D., Highland, Highland co., O.
SIDWELL, H., Ashridge, Brown co., O.	WILES, T. D., Goshen, Clermont co., O.
STORY, JNO. L., Bowersville, O.	YOUNG, Jos., Williamsburg, Clermont co., O.
SANDERS, W. H., New Petersburg, O.	YOUNG, L. F., New Hope, Brown co., O.
SANDERS, E. L., Sardinia, O.	ZOMMERMAN, E., Williamsburg, Clermont co., O.
STIRES, J. C., Hamersville, Brown co., O.	
SMITH, JNO., Bethel, Clermont co., O.	
SMITH, W. H., Lynchburg, Highland co., O.	

RULES OF ORDER.

1. AFTER the usual opening religious exercises, the Secretary shall read the Minutes of the previous session.
2. No motion shall be entertained by the Conference till such motion shall have been seconded.
3. All motions shall be reduced to writing, if desired by any member of the Conference.
4. Every member desiring to speak on any subject before the Conference, shall rise and address the President.
5. The member who first rises and addresses the President shall be entitled to the floor.
6. No member shall speak more than once on the same subject till all who may desire to speak shall have spoken; nor more than fifteen minutes at a time, without leave of the Conference.
7. All questions of order shall be decided by the President, subject to an appeal to the Conference, without debate.
8. When any question is under debate, no motion shall be received but to adjourn, to lay on the table, to postpone, to commit, or to amend; but a motion to adjourn shall always be in order; and this, as well as a motion to lay on the table, shall be decided without debate.
9. If the question before the Conference be capable of division, upon the call of any member, such question shall be divided.
10. The business of the Conference shall be conducted with open doors, unless otherwise ordered by the Conference.

11. Any question may be reconsidered on the motion of any member who may have voted with the majority.
12. If any member call for the previous question, and such call shall be sanctioned by a two-thirds vote of the Conference, the main question shall then be put.
13. Each Committee of the Conference shall choose its own chairman, unless the chairman be designated by the Conference or the President in the appointment of the committee.
14. The members of the Conference shall assemble in the Conference-room punctually at the hour to which the Conference adjourned, and no member shall absent himself from the place of Conference session without leave of absence.
15. In all practicable cases, when charges are preferred against a member of Conference, notice shall be given to the President on the first day of the session, that, if it be judged proper, his name may be called, and the case referred to a committee.
16. No member of Conference shall be subject to arrest of character without having been timely furnished, wherever practicable, with a written copy of the charges and specifications against him.
17. The vote on any question shall be taken by ayes and noes, upon the call of fifteen members.

EATON, O., September 4, 1872.

I HEREBY certify that the Reports in these Minutes were adopted by the Cincinnati Annual Conference at its session in 1872.

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